POLL SHOWS EUPHORIA CAUSED BY SADAT VISIT HAS COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED

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By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —
The euphoria caused here by Anwar Sadat's precedent-shattering visit to Jerusalem has completely disappeared. This emerges from a survey of public opinion released recently by the Israel Institute of Applied Social Research, headed by Hebrew University Prof. Louis Guttman.

After Sadat's historic appearance in the Knesset, 90% of the Israelis interviewed by Guttman's pollsters said they believed that Egypt was interested in a genuine peace settlement. But in a survey carried out after Sadat had abruptly recalled the Egyptian delegation from the Jerusalem political talks, this figure plummeted to 53% — exactly what it was in June 1977, several months before Egypt's president had so much as hinted about the possibility of a meeting with Begin.

Parallel to this decline in Egypt's credibility has been a renewed feeling that a war between Israel and the Arabs is very likely to take place. Some 76% of Israelis, according to Guttman, now expect such a conflict, as compared to about 50% during Sadat's visit to Jerusalem. Nevertheless, there is still somewhat less pessimism about the inevitability of a fourth round than existed between 1967 and 1977 when, on the average, 90% of Israelis felt it was bound to come.

Avoid extremism

These volatile changes in mood make life difficult for the Israeli government, as was pointed out to me in a "not for attribution" talk with a member of the Israeli cabinet. "Our main problem," he said, "is to avoid extremism of any sort. We can't, for example, accept the advice of those Israelis — albeit a small minority — who continuously call for "peace at any price."

"If we were to do so," he went on, "it would not only mean a return to our indefensible pre-1967 borders, but also immediate demands that we accept hundreds of thousands of Arab refugees inside those truncated borders."

However, the minister also warned against giving in to those elements — including a substantial group within Begin's own party — who argue that nothing has changed, that there is still no one with whom to negotiate, that Israel must abandon any hopes for peace and simply prepare for another, inevitable war. "Of course," he went on, "we must be ready for the ups and downs that accompany any negotiating process, particularly in the Middle East where prolonged and voluble bargaining is a fine art.

"That's why I'm not unduly disturbed," the minister added, "by Sadat's withdrawal from the Jerusalem talks which, incidentally, was not caused by his angry reaction to Israeli speeches or bulldozers, but by his calculated desire to increase international pressure on us."

When asked whether he himself believed that Sadat truly wanted peace, the minister admitted that it was very difficult to tell. He pointed out that Egypt's president, who at various times had admired the Nazis and the Russians, was now a bosom pal of the Americans.

And the same Sadat who once said he was willing to sacrifice three million Egyptians rather than give up an inch of Arab soil had not so long afterwards spoken with great pathos about how he was determined to ensure that not a single Egyptian soldier was so much as scratched in a war with Israel.

"How can we be certain in whom or in what Sadat believes?" the minister asked rhetorically. "Perhaps," he mused, "Sadat believes in different things at different times. We don't know and maybe he isn't so sure himself. But we can't allow our doubts about Sadat's sincerity and stability, or our own changing moods, to influence us unduly.

"Since, after all," the minister concluded, "we intend to remain in this extraordinarily turbulent corner of the world, and hope eventually to be accepted by our neighbors, we have no choice but to negotiate with Sadat or with any other Arab leader who is willing to negotiate with us."

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Hebrew program approved

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO —
The North York Board of Education has approved an application from the Jewish community for a Heritage Language Program in Hebrew, in a unanimous vote apparently unaffected by a small furor surrounding the request.

In a meeting Monday night trustees approved a motion authorizing the language program at one school involving approximately 15 classes and 375 students for the period from March to June, 1978.

The Ministry of Education, in a disapproving letter to North York, had alleged that the application from the Board of Jewish Education "envisions the transfer of provincial grant money from a publicly supported school system to a privately supported school system." (The plan was similarly chastized in a Toronto Star editorial.)

The ministry could, theoretically, oppose the Jewish application, since it still must review details of the program, according to North

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Menachem Begin

He goes to Washington next month for another visit with President Carter.

Barbara Burman samples a Jaffa orange in a warehouse at the port of Halifax. She's from the consumers affairs department of FBI Foods Ltd., the distributor in North America. Inspectors from federal Department of Agriculture check the first shipment of Jaffa oranges to come into Canada this season. They're free of mercury.

Oranges given clean bill after check-up at Halifax

MONTREAL (Staff) —
The 60,000 cases of Jaffa oranges that arrived in Halifax last week and that will soon begin to appear in supermarkets in the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario have been deemed "perfectly safe" by the federal Department of Health and Welfare.

"The problem with mercury poisoning was in Europe and only about 12 oranges among about 50 million were tampered with, and all at the shop level. This shipment has not touched Europe; there can be no problem with the fruit," said Arthur Fisher, chairman and chief executive officer, FBI Foods Ltd. of Montreal, the distributor of Jaffa oranges in Canada and the United States.

Fisher said he was confident that the public will not be afraid to buy the oranges. The shipment, which contains some six million oranges, is bigger than last year and Fisher expects to import more this season.

The oranges left the Israeli port of Ashdod, Feb. 3, after inspection at the various packing houses and at the harbor, and traveled non-stop to Halifax. There, a team of nine inspectors from the Department of Agriculture checked 500 cases for mercury contamination. Normally only one or two inspectors examine about 50 cases per shipment.

Since then a statement has been issued by the Department of Health and Welfare, under the name of Minister Monique Begin, declaring the oranges safe.

Another 100,000 cases have continued on to Philadelphia where they will be inspected by the Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Jaffa oranges have been appearing towards the end of February in Canadian and American stores for the past 20 years.

Letters have been sent out to supermarket chains and importers throughout North America by Zvi Kenan, general manager of the Citrus Marketing Board of Israel, assuring them of the safety of the oranges.

"I hope people will see the situation for what it is — economic warfare," said Fisher. "It would be a serious situation for Israel if we capitulated to something like this."

Aid bill is submitted by Carter to Congress

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON [JTA] —
The Carter administration has asked Congress to approve $957 million in economic assistance for Egypt and $790 million for Israel for the fiscal year beginning next Oct. 1. The ratio for the two countries is about the same as in the current year.

In addition to this economic aid, the administration requested $1 billion for Israel to finance military purchases for the coming year, the same as in the present fiscal year. This is in accordance with the Israeli-American agreement in connection with Israel's evacuation from the Sinai areas now reoccupied by Egypt.

(A Jewish Chronicle news report says American supporters of Israel are preparing to challenge the decision of the State Department to sell the jet fighters to Egypt and Saudi Arabia and to cut the Israeli military requests by half. The Israelis had asked for 150 F16s and F15s.)

Of the economic aid, security assistance for Egypt totals $750 million and for Israel $785 million. Egypt will also get $206.6 million in Food for Peace commodities and $400,000 for military training. Israel is earmarked for $5.4 million in Food for Peace.

Jordan is to receive $93 million in economic security assistance, $50 million towards construction of the proposed Jordan Valley dam that also affects Israel, Syria and the West Bank, $8.7 million in Food for Peace, $45 million in military assistance, $2 million in military training, and $85 million in military financing.

The Maqarin Dam, which has been discussed for 20 years, would be built on the Yarmouk River where Jordan and Syria meet. Its purpose is to regulate the irrigation in the region by controlling the river's flow. Israel draws water from the river down stream from the proposed dam site. Jordan would control the dam whose waters also would be used by Jordan proper and the West Bank.

Authorization hearings have already been started by the House International Relations Committee on the funding for Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. Israel's will begin about Feb. 28 and Egypt's afterward.

Allan Bronfman, national president of the State of Israel Bonds, announced the appointment of Charles R. Bronfman [above] as chairman of the board of the State of Israel Bonds organization in Canada. Bronfman has for years been involved in all areas of community activities and this appointment is another indication of his long-standing interest in Israel's economy.

Big changes sought in absorption of olim

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Sweeping changes in the absorption of Canadians who have made aliya are recommended in the just-released report of the Zionist Organization of Canada Commission of Enquiry with Respect to Canadian Olim, which took place in Jerusalem in May, 1976.

The report calls for a "fundamental rethinking" of priorities with regard to aliya from Canada, both by Israelis dealing in this area and by the Canadian Jewish community.

Highly critical of the Ministry of Absorption and the Jewish Agency Department of Aliya and Klita, the commission says in the 116-page report, being presented at the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem, that the ministry "either does not have the facilities or does not have the outlook necessary alone to provide for the successful absorption of Canadian olim.

"Both the ministry and the Jewish Agency Department of Aliya and Klita as constituted at the time of the enquiry are too impersonal and do not provide sufficient outreach programs. They are too institutionalized, too establishment and too politically oriented. Nor do they truly understand the psychological needs of Canadian olim," the report states.

The 25 recommendations contained in the report, in effect, call for Canadians living in Israel and Canada to take aliya and absorption into their own hands.

One of the major recommendations is the establishment in Israel of a Canada Centre to facilitate the aliya and absorption of olim.

The centre would be staffed by Canadian professionals who are either permanent residents of Israel or who are residents of Canada working in the centre for a limited time.

Its functions would be to assist Canadians in every way, from the time they arrive in Israel until they have made the transition to the Israeli way of life.

A three-man commission headed by Gerald N.F. Charness of Montreal heard 40 Canadian olim over a period of six days, who were determined to stay in Israel, testify what conditions they felt would have to be created to encourage more Canadians to emigrate to Israel, and to remain there. About 40% of Canadian olim and about 50% of students and single persons return to Canada.

The hearings marked the first time olim from any country made their grievances known for the public record (in addition, hundreds of written briefs were received from all over Israel). The ZOC commission was also the first outside body to hold a public inquiry in Israel.

Observers and representatives at the hearings included the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland, United Israel Appeal of Canada, the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, the Ministry of Absorption and several other bodies from the United States and elsewhere. The Jewish Agency Department of Aliya and Klita refused to take part in the hearings.

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Sentences given white racist pair believed adequate

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
Community leaders have expressed satisfaction with the two-year prison sentence imposed on neo-Nazi and white supremacist leader Donald Andrews last week. A Toronto health inspector, Andrews was charged with directing a systematic campaign of painting racist slogans and smashing windows belonging to Jews and blacks.

County Court Judge Lloyd Graburn told the former Western Guard leader that two years was the minimum term required to put him in the generally harsher conditions of a penitentiary. Andrews' accomplice, 200-pound meat cutter Dawyd Zarytshansky, got 18 months in a reformatory.

Judge Graburn said he was shocked by the offences and agreed with Crown counsel Edward Geller that they "invited retaliation in a multi-cultural-pluralistic community which this is." Of Zarytshansky, the judge added that he showed "an appalling antipathy toward black and Jewish members of the community and an attitude toward Marxists wholly inimical toward the concept of freedom and of belief."

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' National Joint Community Relations Committee, was satisfied with Andrews' sentence, even though the offences he committed carried maximum penalties ranging from five to 14 years.

"The choice of a more severe punishment — penitentiary rather than reformatory — signals to us that the judiciary shares our profound concern for those acts which eat at the fabric of Canadian society," the rabbi said in commenting on the three-month trial.

The rabbi voiced fear that Andrews' confinement in a prison might work to his advantage. "Prisons provide — and have provided — a most fertile ground for recruiting others who share their sickness and anger against society," he observed. "But this is a risk we must take, for the alternative would be no punishment or punishment bordering on the trivial."

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, also underlined the fact that Andrews was given a penitentiary instead of a reformatory sentence. "That, I think, is important to keep in mind," said Plaut, who serves on the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

He said he was in no position to say whether Judge Graburn's sentence was severe enough, noting that he lacked the judicial background to comment on the appropriateness of the decision.

Milton Harris, president of the Toronto Jewish Congress, said he thought it was "a pretty severe penalty and should act as a warning to anyone else. I don't know if you can justify more than two years. That's pretty severe."

Lou Ronson, chairman of the Joint Community Relations Committee, Central Region, said he had no complaints about Andrews' jail term. "I feel satisfied they (Andrews and Zarytshansky) were sentenced and that it set an example for others of their ilk who try to do the same thing."

Earlier, Ronson sent letters of commendation to the RCMP officers involved in the investigation leading to the conviction of Andrews and Zarytshansky. Three years ago, fearful that the Western Guard might try to create an international incident at the 1976 Olympics, part of which were held in Toronto, the RCMP paid an informer to infiltrate the fascist party.

The informant, Robert Toope, disclosed that Andrews, a Yugoslav immigrant, had ordered Zarytshansky to desecrate synagogues and smash the windows of racial and political targets.

Andrews and Zarytshansky were originally charged with plotting to disrupt the Israeli soccer match at the Olympics, but the charges were dismissed last December on the ground of insufficient evidence. They were arrested in July of that year and subsequently the pair were convicted of possessing explosives for an illegal purpose.

Despite the setback, followers of Andrews plan to regroup. As reported in The Canadian Jewish News several weeks ago, members of the now-defunct Western Guard are gathering signatures for the registration of a new political party — the Nationalist Party of Canada.

Mental health field

Scientist acclaimed

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Sandra Witelson, of the McMaster University faculty of health sciences, has been named the 1978 recipient of the John Dewan Award, which is given annually in recognition of outstanding research work in the field of mental health.

A scroll and a cheque for $1,000 will be presented to her by the Ontario Mental Health Foundation at a meeting of the Ontario Psychological Association later this spring.

Dr. Sandra Witelson

Mrs. Witelson's research is in the general area of brain-behavior relationships, the development of the brain and how it is organized for the purposes of learning and for aiding the thought processes.

Her studies of the functions of the two hemispheres of the brain suggest that the brains of children with learning disabilities related to language and reading, such as dyslexia, may be differently organized than those of normal children. The left half of the brain is the area associated with language skills while the right is associated with spatial perception and Mrs. Witelson's research strongly suggests that in children with reading disabilities the left half of the brain may be doing double duty. "This would have educational implications," she notes.

Her research also suggests that there may be a sex difference in the brain, with greater specialization in each half of boys' brains than in those of girls — "which is not necessarily disadvantageous but simply a difference."

Some of her other research, in collaboration with Dr. Walzier Pallie of the McMaster University department of anatomy, on the brains of the newborn, has shown that a language area in the left hemisphere of the brain is larger than the same area in the right hemisphere, suggesting that the left half contains an area biologically pre-programed to deal with language.

The petite, dark-haired and attractive doctor of psychology, who works out of the Chedoke Hospitals Child and Family Centre, is the former Sandra Freedman of Montreal. Shortly after receiving her BSc in honors psychology from McGill University in 1960, she married Dr. Henry Witelson, who was then studying medicine at McGill and who is now a Hamilton eye specialist and surgeon.

She continued her studies at McGill and after obtaining her PhD in 1966, spent some time as a research associate and lecturer at Yeshiva University in New York.

A post-doctoral resident fellowship in the department of neurology and psychiatry at the New York University medical centre followed "and all three of us were students at that time," says Mrs. Witelson. Her husband was in his residency and their daughter, now a high school student, was attending kindergarten. She also spent some time as an instructor at the New York Medical College.

The Witelsons have been in Hamilton since 1969, when Mrs. Witelson joined the McMaster University department of psychiatry as an associate professor.

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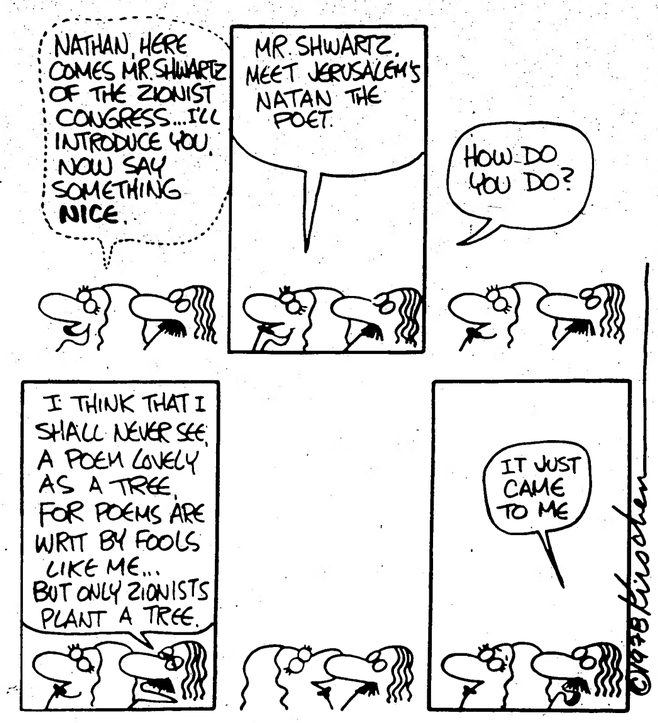
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Yaakov Kirschen

Prospect of Mideast peace opens up the possibility of pooling scientific resources

By I. L. KENEN

WASHINGTON [JCNS] —

A proposal to pool the scientific resources of the United States, Egypt and Israel for the benefit of all three countries is now under consideration in the White House and the State Department.

The United States has carried on bilateral scientific research with both Egypt and Israel, serving its own interests as well as those of its partners. But the prospect of peace opens new avenues of achievement.

Strangely, the tri-national project was first proposed long before the current peace talks, originating with James Ehrman, a State Department official who is just completing a two-year assignment at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

After a year of inquiry, Ehrman drew up his plan, and circulated it last summer among 12 U.S. agencies, canvassing their reaction to his suggestion. While members of the scientific fraternity were keenly interested, diplomats questioned its feasibility in the absence of peace. But all that was changed on Nov. 20, when President Sadat addressed Israel's Knesset.

Both the White House and the State Department have expressed interest and have indicated that an arrangement would be feasible with the consummation of peace.

Two congressmen have expressed positive interest: Newton D. Steers of Maryland, who strongly recommended the plan to the State Department, and Henry Waxman of California, who wrote to the White House.

The United States has in the past derived great benefit from scientific projects in both countries, which have been financed by counterpart funds generated largely by the sale of surplus commodities.

The emphasis has been on the physical sciences. In the future, however, if projects are developed, the emphasis may be shifted to social concerns, for both Egypt and Israel — victims of a 30-year conflict — have suffered deprivation of human needs because of the staggering expense of armaments and the diversion of resources to war.

Hebrew program approved

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York board spokesman William Dempsey. Executive assistant to the director of the board, he said the BJE's request was "a little different from the ordinary application."

The trustees' motion did not elaborate whether the authorized school was a private institution or an afternoon, congregational school for students enrolled in the public system.

But they agreed that the BJE application be "administered consistent with all other Heritage Language Programs" and that the 15 classes be included in 1978 budget plans.

The motion passed with little discussion and no dissent following the appeal by Judith Hans, chairman of the PTA of the Bialik Hebrew Day School, that the application fell "within the parameters of the provincial government requirements."

Mrs. Hans argued that the provincial program recognized Canada's multicultural character and should be "universally and equally available" regardless of ethnic background and the premises where the classes were held. The City of Toronto and the Borough of York, she added, were in the process of receiving grants for applications submitted by Jewish parents.

The cost of the initial classes, for a course of 40 hours' duration, would amount to $9,050, all to be covered in fees from participants and the provincial grant money.

In their original projected figures, the BJE estimated that a total implementation of the heritage program in all the schools — both day and afternoon — would include 6,006 pupils in 240 classes. The motion approved to date only considered the application for 15 classes.

Superintendent of Community and Continuing Education for North York, D.N. Hazell, said the board has planned for 100 heritage classes in total for September, 1978. Classes operating at the moment number 25.

The trustees approved the formation of a subcommittee to consider the heritage language program in all of North York, including the feasibility of offering classes in all the Jewish schools.

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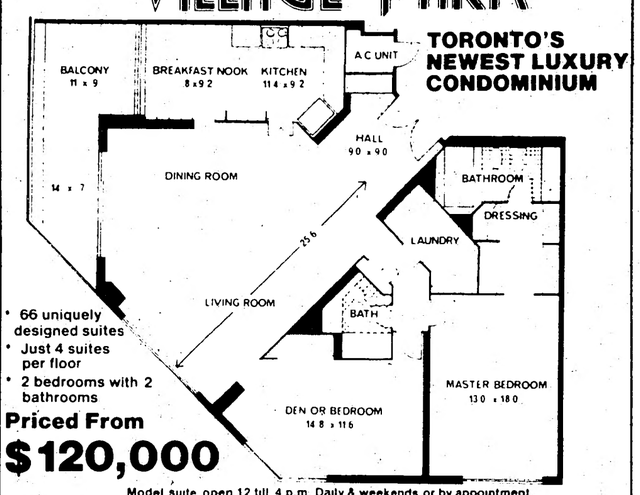

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GENEVA — Prime Minister Begin told a UJA luncheon here that increased financial contributions are urgently needed to alleviate "the grave social and moral problems of 45,000 families living in abject and intolerable poverty in Israel." He appealed to the 11 European countries present to increase their giving.

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JOHANNESBURG — There are no Israelis, in or out of uniform, serving in a military or non-military capacity in Ethiopia, Israel Finance Minister Simcha Erlich said here.

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NEW YORK, N.Y. — Yellow stars containing anti-Semitic slogans have been stuck on cars. Similar slogans were also found on the bulletin board of Temple Israel, the city's largest Conservative synagogue. In Michigan, a Lubavitch summer camp was destroyed by fire and police suspect arson was responsible.

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CAPE TOWN — Prof. Lippy Lipshitz, the South African sculptor, and his wife have been elected life members to the Jewish Museum here, the first to receive that honor. They are leaving to live in Israel.

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NEW YORK, N.Y. — Kuwaiti banking interests continue to enforce the Arab boycott against financial institutions regarded as sympathetic to Israel by refusing to admit blacklisted firms into underwriting syndicates which they manage or co-manage, according to the American Jewish Congress.

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WASHINGTON — The State Department's second annual report to Congress on human rights in 105 countries receiving U.S. aid gave Israel a mixed review while issuing high marks to Egypt and President Sadat. The report brought sharp disagreement from the Israel embassy.

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JERUSALEM — Two passengers on an Egged bus were killed and 46 injured in a bomb blast for which the PLO said it was responsible. One of the dead was the father of six children and the other was a student at the Hebron yeshiva. Five of the injured are in serious condition.

Changes sought in absorption

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The Absorption Ministry "too often presented (the problems of olim) as minor inconveniences easily overcome rather than the major problems they turn out to be," the commission discovered.

The Jewish Agency "fails to grasp the fundamental difference between the attitude of Canada and the United States to immigration and the necessary attitude in Israel. Canada is in the process of restricting immigration. Israel needs olim."

Shlichim sent to Canada to deal with aliya "were unaware of the problems olim were likely to face, inadequately trained for their job and not sufficiently conversant with Canadian life to be of real assistance," the report says.

The information they dispensed, the commission found, was "inadequate, inaccurate and often irrelevant."

The commission believes that the absorption centres and ulpanim are an "excellent tool" but existing centres operate on a standard "far below what Canadians expected to find."

The proposed Canada centre would be directly responsible to a committee of volunteer Canadians living in Israel, and not to any person or organization in Canada. This committee would in turn be responsible to a joint committee made up of representatives of an Israeli volunteer committee and representatives of the Canadian sponsoring committee in Canada.

Sitting on the Israeli committee would be at least one person of a stature which grants him easy access to the government and Jewish Agency to allow quicker solutions to problems as they arise.

Funds for the centre would be raised in Canada and by Canadian olim in Israel. "Under no circumstances should the centre be dependent for its budget on the Israel government or the Jewish Agency," the report says.

Other recommendations deal with larger emergency loans for Canadian olim; abolition of the time limit for purchase of duty free articles; setting up an audit system to ensure that funds sent from Canada are used for the purpose for which they were raised; establishment of Hebrew programs for potential olim, and the inclusion of olim in the personnel of the Ministry of Absorption to deal with olim.

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First, set your son or daughter straight on this often-misunderstood fact: beer, wine and spirits—in excess, all three are just as dangerous on the road.

A good way of avoiding trouble is to plan ahead. Suggest that your teenagers review their evening before going out. If they see drinking involved, far better to leave the car at home than to take chances later behind the wheel.

Far better also to say no to a drink, to refuse to drive, or to turn down a lift with an impaired friend than to go along with the crowd and maybe regret it.

You can support your teenagers and give them confidence by letting them know that if they ever need help you'll go for them, pay their cab or do whatever is necessary to get them home safely.

Most important, be a good example. Never drive if you've had even one drink too many. Better still, don't let it come to that. Know your limit and stay within it.

to your parents

If you're not of legal drinking age, don't touch a drop. But if you are, and you drive, then you're old enough to do your part in reaching an agreement with your parents on the subject.

Sure they worry. Because even if you don't drink, others in your group may. The friend driving you home one night may have had too much.

Show that you're equally concerned. Get serious. For instance, what have you read lately about the dangers of drinking and driving? Do you know how much beer, wine or spirits your body can safely handle before your judgment becomes impaired? Do you know the law in your province? And what happens if you break it?

Get the facts and discuss them calmly. Then take the initiative and propose a few family ground rules.

No driving if you've been drinking beyond your limit. (We'll send you a valuable free chart on responsible limits if you write us.) No riding with a friend who's been drinking. And convince your parents if a situation ever turns dicey, you won't hesitate to phone for help.

Finally, remind your parents you're concerned for their safety, too, and that the family rules on drinking and driving apply to them, as well.

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Federal Minister of State for Multiculturalism Norman Cafik [centre] presents $90,246 cheque to Mel Finkelstein, the chairman of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education. Toronto Jewish Congress President Milton Harris looks on. The government grant to the BJE is for Hebrew language instruction. The money was presented at a ceremony at Temple Sinai Synagogue. It is the first time that the private Jewish day and evening schools have received federal funds, according to BJE officials.

Camp Hatikvah closing for 1978

Suspending operations

VANCOUVER —

Camp Hatikvah — a community landmark here for 40 years — is suspending its ordinary operations for summer 1978, but hopes to resume regular programs the following summer, according to The Jewish Bulletin.

This marks the second time the camp has closed temporarily. In summer 1955, when the move from Crescent Beach to the present site at Oyama was being made, Camp Hatikvah also suspended regular operations.

The camp re-opened in 1956 with a strong season and the camp committee emphatically voiced its hope that that success will again take place in 1979.

Until 1975 the camp operated under the umbrella of the Zionist Organization of Canada (ZOC), though all of the human resources and most of the financial resources were provided by the local community.

Harold Orloff, a long-time member of the camp committee and official of the ZOC, stated: "Since 1967 the ZOC's role locally has gradually dissipated and apparently so has its financial position. The ZOC has not contributed toward the camp since 1975 and a significant deficit has developed."

Projections for 1978 operations indicated that further losses of $10,000 to $15,000 would be experienced, even without adequate provision for needed capital improvements.

Camp Hatikvah was only accepted by the Jewish Community Fund and Council as a general beneficiary in 1977. Prospects for the camp receiving the necessary funds from the JCF and C for 1978 were considered by camp officials as being dim.

In 1977, the ZOC announced its intention to sell the camp, presumably to offset the ZOC's deteriorating financial position.

When the camp at Oyama was purchased by the community in 1956, the title was put in the name of the ZOC. The property value has increased many times over in the past 22 years, it was pointed out.

The ZOC's intention to sell the camp has been strongly opposed by the camp committee and the community generally, spokesmen said.

On Feb. 6, 1977, a large contingent of camp supporters, including representatives from Edmonton and Calgary, met with ZOC officials to express their support for the camp and their opposition to the claim by the ZOC of ownership of the camp.

The camp committee hopes this matter will be successfully settled in the near future and in time for the camp to re-open for the summer of 1979.

During this interval, the committee will be streamlining its method of operation to reduce costs, and through rentals in this coming summer hopes that the current deficit will be reduced.

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CJC offers no explanation

MONTREAL [Staff] —

There has been no clarification of why Eastern Region Canadian Jewish Congress executive meetings remain closed to press and public despite an announcement early last fall by Chairman Dr. Melvyn Schwartzben that they would be open.

Dr. Schwartzben has refused to comment on the situation, but did indicate the Eastern Region has no plans to follow the Central Region, which has now opened its meetings to the press.

Knowledge of the change in heart in the Eastern Region came only when a CJN reporter attended the first open executive meeting in November and was told not to record anything that took place. The reporter was later told by Dr. Schwartzben not to attend another meeting.

Four meetings of the executive have taken place this season in the Eastern Region.

Ain of Congress is appointed head of welfare fund office

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Steve Ain, national executive-director of Canadian Jewish Congress, has been appointed professional in charge of the Canadian office of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to be located in Toronto.

Target date for the opening of the office, to be housed in the Toronto Jewish Congress building, is July 1. The Canadian CJF office will be administered by a 36-member advisory council: 11 representatives of each Canadian member of the CJF; the eight Canadians on the CJF board of directors; the 11 executive directors of the federations in Canada; the president of Canadian Jewish Congress; the chairman of the UIA; the national president of JIAS, and the three executive-directors of these organizations. There will be an eight-member executive committee.

The New York-based CJF is the association serving Jewish community federations, welfare funds and community councils in North America.

The decision to establish a Canadian CJF office was made at the National Budgeting Conference plenary meeting held in Toronto in January. A steering committee of the NBC is presently working out the details of the office's function and will continue to work closely with the office.

Cost of the office is anticipated to be about $60-70,000, to be paid entirely by the CJF.

Canadian communities currently pay around $160,000 a year to the CJF and during the past year there has been a re-examination of the services Canada has been getting in return.

Basically the Canadian office will provide communities with more direct access to CJF resources and services.

Data gathering, staff recruitment, leadership development, fund-raising techniques, budgeting and planning, endowment funds and assistance in structuring the relationship between multiple appeals and federation campaigns, will be specific areas of concern.

Steve Ain

Mark Talisman, director of the CJF Washington action office, will help Canadian communities in obtaining government grants for social service programs. A parallel action service specifically for Canada will be considered.

Ain, 30, was born in Montreal and educated at McGill and the University of Toronto. In 1970 he was appointed youth director for Congress, Central Region. He later became director for Soviet Jewry and then for community relations.

After three years as assistant national executive-director, he was made national executive-director at the plenary assembly in May, 1977. He has served as secretary of the NBC since 1975. Applications are being received for Ain's current post.

Writer praised

CHATHAM, N.B. —

Melvin Jacobson, the Montreal Jewish writer who was a native of Chatham and died last September at 50, was subject of a three-part series in the Moncton Times.

Jacobson was author of **Minyan**, a book of short stories, and left an unpublished novel when he died. The novel is now out to market through a literary agent.

The Times, in an editorial note to the series, said Jacobson came from obscurity and wrote of small town life with "a unique touch."

It said Jacobson lived "the struggling life of the writer that is almost cliche and never (until his death) really gained widespread recognition."

Jacobson, whose brother Bobby operates a men's clothing store here, was a graduate of the Syracuse School of Journalism and for a brief while was in the parliamentary press gallery for British United Press.

The Times' series met with widespread response in the Miramichi where the Jacobson family is well-known in the business community.

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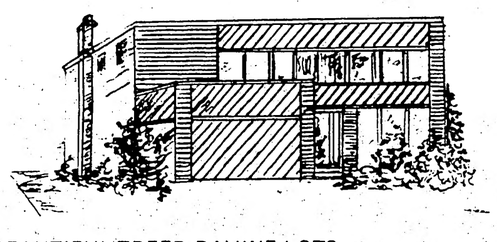

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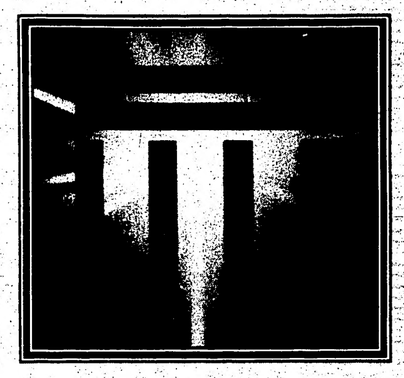

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The danger of neo-Nazism

Germany's gravediggers

Neo-Nazism is still not a threat to West German democracy, such as it is, but the spectre of a fascist revival in the successor state of the ill-fated Weimar Republic haunts the country with a fierce intensity that hardly improves its image abroad.

The phenomenon is not new. For the last few years, prominent West German leaders have spoken in sombre terms about the incipient fascism in their midst. Willy Brandt, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's predecessor, underlined the danger when he warned that neo-Nazi groups were becoming increasingly active in West Germany.

Mr. Brandt, a long-time social democrat, had good reason to voice his concern. Like others in his party, he realizes that West German democracy is a fragile thing and that the tradition of authoritarianism is far from dead in the nation that spawned obsessive obedience to the state, Prussian militarism and National Socialism.

It comes as no surprise, therefore, to hear that justice minister, Hans-Jochem Vogel, is also concerned about the current situation. In a letter to provincial justice ministers, Mr. Vogel complained of the sharp increase in neo-Nazi propaganda, and called for effective counter-measures by local authorities.

He cited the flood of books, Nazi insignia and phonographic records with speeches by Hitler and other Nazi leaders which are on the market. Mr. Vogel urged police and justice officials to keep a close watch on the problem and take legal action if necessary.

Mr. Vogel confined himself to propaganda, a serious enough phenomenon, but he did not touch on the results flowing from it. For example, the minister did not address himself to the spate of violent and near-violent incidents which remind even the most insensitive of the excesses committed during the Third Reich.

Neo-Nazis, many of them born after the war, have translated theory into action. In the northern city of Hanover recently, they desecrated hundreds of Jewish graves, threatened a Jewish shopkeeper and daubed swastikas and anti-Semitic slogans on walls and buses.

Roetger Gross, Lower Saxony's interior minister, described these acts as the work of a small group of "young idiots" who could just as easily have joined the extreme left. His analysis goes a long way in explaining why the authorities have not cracked down on these lunatics, and failed to carry out the orders of high-ranking federal government officials who genuinely seek to stamp out the neo-Nazi scourge.

The problem is that there is an acute awareness of the neo-Nazi menace in the upper reaches of government that is not matched on the lower levels. The minor bureaucrats in the provinces — and indeed in Bonn, the capital — contend that the neo-Nazi threat is exaggerated. And they buttress their case by pointing to the minimal support ultra right-wing organizations garner at the polls.

Technically, they are right. Neo-fascist parties have fared badly in elections and the consensus of West German public opinion probably lies somewhere between middle-of-the-road democracy and dyed-in-the-wool conservatism.

As long as the West German economy performs the miracles of the past, present-day neo-Nazism may be nothing more than a thorn on the side of West Germany's liberalism, and thus the arguments of the minor bureaucrats may be seemingly irrefutable. However, what will happen when the economy is on the brink of a deep crisis? Will West German democracy weather the storm, or will it succumb to the forces of fascism? These are not academic questions, considering the course of German history in the last 40 years.

The seeds of fascism are firmly implanted in West Germany's soil, and the Nazi memorabilia wave sweeping over the country cannot be dismissed as a mere fad. The minor officials who turn a blind eye to it, who argue against the validity of teaching the younger generation more about the Nazi era, are the gravediggers of West German democracy.

Investment in Israel

Attractive market

For its size and relatively modest natural resources, Israel has a rather good economic profile. Israeli technology and know-how has made up for what the nation lacks in natural resources. The Israeli export figures, although far outbalanced by imports, are nevertheless quite impressive. Aside from its dollar-earning citrus exports, the economy is also profiting from international sales in fashion apparel and electronic hardware.

In anticipation of its 30th anniversary year, Israel is planning its biggest ever technological exposition, called IsraTech '78. The ambitious exhibits and displays will highlight the rapid growth of high technology industries in Israel. One of the purposes of the exposition will be to attract businessmen from Europe and North America and to stimulate their interest in investing in the economy. Opportunities for building factories in Israel and in developing joint commercial ventures will be explained to interested parties.

Although this exposition is not slated to open until June, indications are that interest is beginning to quicken in the project. That interest, moreover, has been accelerated by the recent dialogue between Israel and Egypt on a solution to the Mideast crisis. Businessmen tend to shy away from areas where instability is a fact of life. The exodus of financial interests from Lebanon in the wake of the murderous civil war tends to validate this view.

According to a recent piece in the New York Post, two American think tanks have decided to focus future conferences on investment possibilities in Israel. The Washington-based Middle East Institute and Probe International of Stamford, Connecticut will be holding private meetings in Washington on the theme "Israel As A Free Market Economy: New Opportunities for U.S. Business." It is interesting to note that these institutes have directed their conferences in the past to the oil-producing nations. This is the first time that they have focused their deliberations on Israel itself.

According to Benjamin Weiner, a former U.S. service officer, "the elimination of bureaucratic restrictions and economic restraints on the private sector make operations in Israel a lot easier and more palatable to the foreign investor." He sees a an Israeli-Egyptian rapprochement as an important factor in the future economic development of the entire area.

Aside from the general benefits which would accrue to the region from an Israeli-Egyptian settlement, Israel has much to offer the international investor. What it lacks in the labor force it more than makes up in its highly-developed sense of entrepreneurship. At the IsraTech '78 exposition potential partners with Israel will have an opportunity to see metal processing machinery, equipment manufacturing, electrical systems and parts, computers, instrumentation, aerospace and military applications.

The combination of this technology with a highly trained and skilled work force have always made Israel an attractive investment market. We are glad to note that outside investment circles are beginning to realize this as well.

McCarthyism revisited

Vanessa Redgrave, the British actress who may yet win an Oscar this year for her role in **Julia**, happens to be a politically conscious person. Like her American counterpart, Jane Fonda, Ms. Redgrave speaks her mind fearlessly.

Ms. Redgrave makes no secret of the fact that she is a Trotskyist, and her political beliefs have in no way hindered her amazing career. Her talent assures her of success in the jungle that is Hollywood, and that is how it should be.

Now comes word that the Jewish Defence League intends to launch a campaign against the versatile actress because she helped finance a documentary on the plight of the Palestinian refugees called **The Palestinians.** The JDL has called upon the members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to vote against her nomination for best actress in the film **Julia** because her sympathies lie with the Arabs.

The JDL's appeal will fall on deaf ears, and rightly so, because it smacks of another era — the McCarthyist years — when actors and actresses were barred from the studios because their politics were in disfavor.

No one wants a repetition of McCarthyism, a scourge which blighted the industry and needlessly ruined many careers. The days of political repression are long past in Hollywood and to blacklist an actress just because her views on the Arab-Israeli conflict are not agreeable would be scandalous and stupid.

If the high-minded members of the JDL find her opinions distasteful, let them — and them alone — boycott her films and activities. As for the rest of us, we can make up our own minds. Politics and art should not be confused, something the JDL presumably fails to understand.

Israel, Soviets, Libya -- all back Ethiopia

Strange bedfellows in Horn of Africa

mideast analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

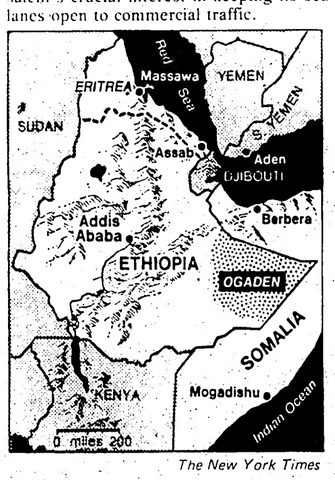
Strange bedfellows are not uncommon in international politics, and the latest example of this recurrent phenomenon is provided by Israel's involvement in the war now being waged in the Horn of Africa between Ethiopia and Somalia.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan admitted this month that Israel has sold arms to embattled Ethiopia, which is fighting a two-front war in the Ogaden region against Somali invaders and in Eritrea against Moslem secessionists. Ethiopia, a Christian state, is supported by China, Cuba, Vietnam, the Soviet Union and Libya. Moslem Somalia is backed by some of the Arab countries.

In explaining Israel's policy, Dayan said: "...We want to retain the good relationship with Ethiopia. The fact that we are on the same side as the Soviets in this matter, well, that's a different question."

Indeed it is. As Dayan pointed out, Israel has an unequivocable interest in Ethiopia's well-being and territorial integrity because of the latter's strategic position along the Red Sea. The Red Sea is Israel's gateway to Asia and Africa, its economic lifeline to the Third World. Whoever controls the mouth and approaches of this biblical waterway, at Bab el Mandeb, has a hand in controlling Israel's geo-political destiny.

In the last 22 years, Egypt has on several occasions attempted to blockade the Gulf of Aqaba leading to the Red Sea. Each attempt has sparked a war, underscoring Jerusalem's crucial interest in keeping its sea lanes open to commercial traffic.



The New York Times

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Falashas — the so-called black Jews of Ethiopia — relax on a kibbutz somewhere in Israel. A number of Falashas have emigrated to Israel from their homeland, which is currently embroiled in a two-front war against Somalia and Moslem rebels in Eritrea.

The Arabs — who have pledged to turn the Red Sea into "an Arab lake" — generally support Somalia, seeing that country as a bulwark against communism. Ironically, Somalia is still a Marxist state, spurned by the Soviet Union last autumn. But this fact does not deter Anwar Sadat or King Khaled of Saudia Arabia. (Libya supports Ethiopia — which has declared it would resist Arab moves in the Red Sea — because Egypt, its rival, backs Somalia).

Complicating the muddled picture is the fact that Israel and Ethiopia no longer maintain diplomatic relations. Addis Ababa broke off ties with Israel during the Yom Kippur War, but Israeli trade officials never left the country. It was, therefore, not all that difficult for Israel to begin supplying arms to its former friend.

Until the 1973 Middle East conflict, Israeli-Ethiopian relations were extremely cordial, and Falasha Jews — the so-called black Jews of Ethiopia — trickled into Israel as immigrants.

Some historians argue that the Ethiopians — particularly the Falashas — are descendants of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheeba. All conjecture aside, direct contacts between Ethiopia and the Jewish community in Palestine started in 1936, when Emperor Haile Selassie and his family found refuge in Jerusalem in the wake of the Italian conquest.

Addis Ababa abstained on the 1947 UN partition plan, but in the following year the government extended de facto recognition of Israel and decided to keep its consulate in West Jerusalem. Israel established a consulate-general in the Ethiopian capital in 1955, and in 1961 Ethiopia extended de jure recognition and diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level commenced.

On the international front, Ethiopia hewed to neutrality on Arab-Israeli questions and used its good offices to try to forge an accommodation between Israel and its Arab neighbors. Bilaterally, Israeli-Ethiopian ties improved, especially in the realm of economic and technical co-operation.

Israeli advisors participated in road construction, traffic engineering, port maintenance, geological surveys and the training of police officers. Hundreds of academics visited Ethiopia, and as early as 1959 a Technion professor became dean of the Imperial College of Engineering at Haile Selassie University.

Israeli doctors and nurses worked in the cities and in the countryside and were instrumental in creating the nation's first blood bank. Koor, the industrial investment and construction firm, built a vast cotton farm which was a model of efficiency, as well as helping the Ethiopians lay the groundwork for a profitable handicrafts industry.

In 1970, El Al inaugurated a regular air link between Lod and Addis Ababa, and increasing numbers of Israeli tourists visited Ethiopia.

The Yom Kippur War interrupted this pattern of amicability and co-operation, with Ethiopia severing ties as a gesture of African solidarity. Relations were further strained in 1974 when Haile Selassie was deposed by a leftist military clique, which summarily expelled U.S. forces in the country and drew closer to the Soviet Union as Moscow's Somalia connection withered.

In going to the aid of Ethiopia in its darkest hour since the Italian invasion, Israel finds itself in the odd situation of aiding a nation with which it has no formal political ties, and which is assisted by countries more or less antagonistic to its policies and/or existence.

But such clashing, strange alliances are hardly new in history, and Israel hopes that the Ethiopian rulers will remember its goodwill when the war in the Ogaden and Eritrea ends.

French attitude to Israel may worsen after election

By JACQUES MALEH

PARIS (JCNS) —

General elections will take place in France on March 12 and 19. Political observers see a turning point in France's history if the opposition left is successful. All opinion polls for the past months and weeks have given the opposition, made up of the Socialist Party, the Communist Party, and the Movement for the Radical Left, a 61% majority, as against the present 45%, and 4% to the Ecologists. This will give the opposition left a majority of about 27 seats in the new General Assembly.

Despite the bickering and wrangling between Socialists and Radicals, on the one hand, and the Communists on the other, in regard to a common platform for a future government, and over the number of nationalization programs and reforms, the general public is more bent on giving its backing and confidence to the socialist Socialist Party, which is credited with 28% in a public opinion poll. However, with such a margin, the Socialists alone will not be able to govern, and they will need the help of the Communists, hence the present confusion.

The majority, made up of the Republican Party of Giscard d'Estaing, the Central Democratic Party of Jean Lecanuet, and the Gaullist Party of Jacques Chirac, and the opposition parties, have a negative record in regard to Israel. Both are largely pro-Arab and pro-Palestinian, so that both cannot satisfy the French-Jewish voter who is totally committed to the help and safeguard of Israel.

The question is: Can the Jewish voter change this policy by his pressure-vote? There are now in France some 550,000 Jews (about 700,000, according to an unofficial Gallup poll made last year). Of these some 380,000 Jews live in Paris, and of the grand total, some 390,000 are valid voters — the very large majority in the Paris area. They can influence the results one way or the other only in a few Paris constituencies — for instance in the second, third, eighth, 10th, and 12th arrondissements, and in the immediate Paris suburbs of Creteil, as well as in the second constituency of Toulouse, the second and third constituency of Nice and in Villeurbanne, a suburb of Lyon, which has a large number of Jews originally from North Africa.

Leaders of the community have said that they will give no advice on how to vote. However, Crif has just issued a three-page letter which has been sent to all communities, organizations, and associations all over France in which have been listed some samples of clear-cut questions to be put individually to candidates in the elections, concerning their future program and their stand in regard to Israel, the Arabs, the offices of the PLO in France, the Arab boycott of Israel, etc.

The Jewish voter is left free to decide, on the face of the replies, how to vote, or whether to abstain.

Jewish students, in a communique, have appealed to all Jews of France to abstain solidly and massively in the March elections, "since there exists an 'anti-Israeli consensus' among almost all French political leaders." The attitude of the French government in the Abu Daoud Affair, and the complicity shown by the opposition parties by their silence; the virulent anti-Zionism of the Communist Party, and of a large fringe of the Socialist Party itself, are some of the examples given by the students.

Jewish voters have been hesitating. A large number may still vote for the Socialists, but almost none for the Communists (only 1%, according to a recent opinion poll). It is thought that about 56% of the Jews will vote Socialist, and only 33% for the present majority (of whom 5% will vote for the Democratic Centre, 17% for the Republican Party of Giscard, 11% for Chirac's Gaullist Party, and 11% for the Ecologists.

The danger, however, is that given a victory of the left, the Communists will insist on joining the Socialists and Radicals in a new government, and such a government may well be more anti-Israel than the present one.

The Jews, it should be said, can do nothing. They can only influence the vote in some Paris constituencies, but this will be insignificant in regard to the election in general. It can only be a sort of "protest-vote." They can also abstain — the results will be the same. But in doing so, they will show all the parties, whoever wins the election, that the Jews of France are standing solidly behind Israel.

A MIRACLE!

(IPPA photos)

Jeanette Shoshan of Ashkelon [top] admires herself in the mirror. Having regained her eyesight after three years, she rejoices as she sees herself. Doctors had said she would be blind for life after losing her sight at 23. Rabbi Moshe Bashri of Rishon Lezion, Israel, heard of her condition from her sister and said he wanted to see her. The rabbi forbade Jeanette to visit doctors. He then told her to crush four burnt scorpions in a pestle and bring the ashes to him. He mixed the ashes with a certain black stone, made a salve of the mixture and told her to paste it on her eyelids every evening. Last week, after using the mixture for several weeks, Jeanette went to bathroom, and saw her face in the mirror. Hana Peer [bottom right], who taught her how to walk with a stick, expressed amazement over this "miracle".

Warm, human story not shown by audit but thousands of Israelis thank our UIA

By JOEL WEINER

Each year a team of accountants examines the distribution of funds raised by the United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada to support designated social services in the Jewish state. And each year the assessments come back with mathematical precision, a series of tables and charts showing that the money is used exactly as intended.

Yet behind the cold logic of the numbers is a warm, human story which cannot be told by even the most thorough audit. It is the story of the thousands of Israelis — men, women and children — whose lives are touched and strengthened by the help from Canadian Jewry. Last year, UIA money directly affected 42,000 people.

Elderly immigrants comprise just one category. Since Israel takes in newcomers regardless of age, means or health, as much as 16% of the annual influx is 60 years old or more, a high proportion with chronic illnesses and economic or physical handicaps. Because of their age, most are ineligible for coverage under Israel's system of old age insurance; and many come from countries which will not transfer pension rights.

But assistance is available to give these senior citizens the critical support they need. Special old age grants, paid on the same scale as national insurance, provide an income for day-to-day necessities. And a network of old age homes guarantees that no needy immigrant will lack accommodation. Each of these schemes is administered by the Jewish Agency's Social Welfare Service program and it, in turn, derives much of its funding from Canada. Last year, for example, the UIA gave financial aid to almost 14,000 needy aged schemes as well as the cost of caring for 425 elderly residents.

At the opposite end of the generation spectrum, the UIA is vitally involved in remedial programs for young people through the agency's Youth Aliyah Department. Though this division continues its historic work of absorbing new immigrant youth, in recent years it has also begun seeking ways to bridge Israel's serious social and educational gap. UIA money plays a major role in financing these efforts. During the 1976/77 school year, when Youth Aliyah enrolled 17,000 young people in its institutions, just over 40% (7,000) were supported by the Canadian organization.

An equally critical field is higher education. In a country where tuition fees often amount to twice the average net monthly income, Jewish Agency scholarships are vital to help students finance their studies. Last year, 3,000 were able to continue in Israel's universities because of the UIA's support of these schemes. And hundreds of vocational school students received similar assistance.

All of these expenditures point to the importance of the UIA funds raised in Canada. Yet they comprise only part of the activities financed by money raised in the annual campaigns. Last year, 3,500 immigrants settled in Israel as a direct result of UIA financing. And, once in the Jewish state, thousands of them were able to rebuild their lives because Canadian contributions provided housing and sustenance during the initial stages of absorption and integration. In the same year, 3,300 indigent patients were cared for in mental institutions with UIA assistance, while institutional maintenance was assured for 8,000 children who were retarded or came from broken homes.

Israel's defence requires huge expenditures consuming between 35-40% of the country's gross national product. In addition, precious foreign currency has to be spent to buy important necessary goods and raw materials. Yet the country has never really recovered from the heavy burden of taking in 700,000 destitute immigrants in the first four years after its 1948 War of Liberation. Thus, though Israelis are the world's most heavily taxed people, their financial resources are simply not enough to fill the critical human needs without outside help.

A little more than 10 years ago, in September, 1967, the Department of Revenue in Ottawa specified the fields in which the UIA funds could be used in Israel and qualify for charitable, or tax-deductable, status. A month later, under the terms of an agreement with the registrar-examiner of charitable organizations, the UIA set up an office in Jerusalem and created a special body of Canadian residents in Israel to ensure that Canadian law is strictly observed in the allocation of funds.

The Israel Residents Distribution Committee (IRDC), as it is known, has as its major task the management, control and supervision of UIA money after it leaves Canada. Today, the committee is chaired by Prof. Jack Gross, an ex-Montrealer who heads the Department of Experimental Medicine and Cancer Research at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem.

Loans to Canadians

The 12-member committee has representation from across Israel. It meets as required to channel the money to Jewish Agency programs which fall within the four corners of the Canadian legislation. At the same time, says Prof. Gross, "there are some uniquely Canadian aspects to our work which we manage through special subcommittees."

The first of these operates a system of loans for Canadian immigrants only, using resources outside of UIA campaign funds. Though these newcomers can benefit from official mortgage schemes, many of them — especially young couples — still require more assistance. Since second mortgages are usually unavailable in Israel and rental housing is virtually non-existent, UIA low-cost assistance eases the burden for settling in the country. Business and professional loans, also at low rates, are instrumental in helping Canadian newcomers launch careers in Israel. Funds to meet one-time emergencies and student grants are other measures which help the process of absorption and integration.

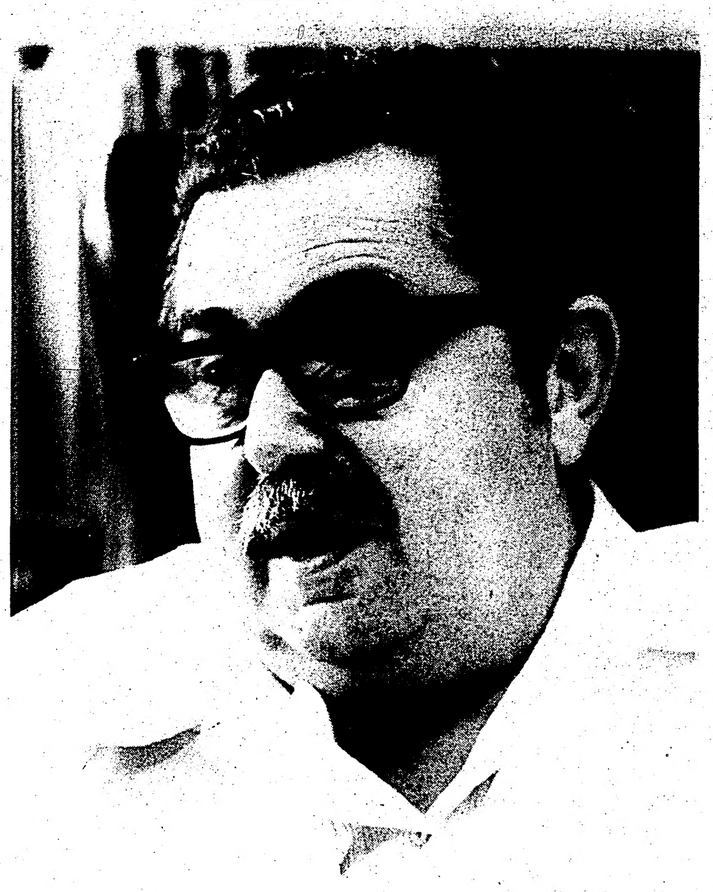
Rental housing

A newer venture is a UIA-inspired project to provide rental accommodations for immigrant singles or couples without children, a development which represents a substantial departure from traditional housing policy in Israel. An IRDC subcommittee was recently established to oversee this program which is being carried out in conjunction with the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem's East Talpiot quarter.

In another display of initiative, the IRDC was instrumental in setting up a council of volunteers consisting of Canadians concerned with the welfare of newcomers in Israel. The group's members have special expertise to provide counsel and assistance in such areas as housing, employment, education and immigrant rights.

"There is no doubt about the importance of these activities," says Prof. Gross. "Without our help, many Jews would find it impossible to get to Israel in the first place. And, once there, our assistance facilitates the process of their integration and absorption."

Joel Weiner is a freelance journalist living in Israel.



Dr. Jack Gross — Hebrew University's dean of experimental medicine & cancer research.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader praises CJN Quebec editorials

Dear Editor:

The Canadian Jewish News' twin editorials on "The Quebec Crisis — To speak or to be silent?" does indeed offer a new twist to journalist practice. Yet it helped me, as a reader, to better diagnose the argument from both sides. So congratulations. You've earned two sets of bouquets!

I, for one, think Rabbi Jordan Pearlson is right in urging a low-keyed, neutral stance on the issue. It is not secret our hopes and aspirations are with a strong Canadian federalist nation. Yet premature political alignment could cost us dearly in the years to come. Isn't it an acknowledged historical axiom that whenever Jewish public opinion surfaces in the midst of unpopular civil brooding there is ultimate backlash? When Jews speak out for human rights and equality for minority expression we're lambasted from the far right; when we cry out against terror hijacking we get it from the extreme left.

Being patient and voicing our concern by ballot on the referendum of Quebec self-rule is not only practicing good citizenship but contributing to the national welfare as well.

Jerry Lerman,
Toronto

'Serious omission'

Dear Editor:

With reference to the article headed "Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue celebrates golden jubilee year" I find a very serious omission in this story and that is the name of Dr. Judah Washer who served as rabbi and teacher.

Rabbi Washer played a very important part in the growth of the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. I feel a grave injustice has been done in not mentioning this most honorable rabbi.

Sheila Seaton,
Willowdale

Protest arms sales

Dear Editor:

In the light of the willingness of the Carter administration to sell the most sophisticated military aircraft to Egypt and Saudi Arabia, I believe that what is imperative now is to mount a mass Jewish march on Washington to protest these proposed sales.

The sales are subject to U.S. Congressional approval. While the Arabs will mount a massive public relations campaign to win Congressional support, and might conceivably try to bribe key members of both houses of Congress in the process, the one key weapon which we as Jews have are our numbers, translated into Jewish votes, which can still swing the key states (New York, California, Pennsylvania, etc.) in both presidential and congressional elections.

The presence of a million Jews protesting these arms sales in front of the White House means a million Jewish votes which Carter would not receive in the 1980 election. It would also lead to a Republican sweep of key openings in the 1978 congressional election this coming November — unless he calls off these proposed heavy arms sales, which would undoubtedly encourage the Arabs to terminate even pretenses towards peace, and start another Mideast war.

Our Canadian Jewish communities are highly respected by our American Jewish counterparts, and I feel that our expressions of extreme concern over the Carter proposals to sell the most advanced war planes to the Arabs, translated into the urgent need for direct political action such as a mass Jewish march, will be regarded very seriously south of the border.

Rick Kardonne,
Toronto

What is flexibility?

Dear Editor:

How many friends has Israel made by taking the initiative and making the following concessions in order to secure peace with her Arab neighbors?

She gave up all the Sinai after 1956; fed and clothed close to 500,000 Jews who fled from Arab countries and never received compensation for the enormous assets they left behind them; fed the Egyptian Third Army after having attacked Israel on its holiest day of the year; abandoned its encirclement of the Egyptian Third Army which was helpless and unable to defend itself, besides giving up the Gidi and Mitla Passes; plus the oilfields of Abu Rodeis and not to mention all the territory taken from Syria during the Yom Kippur War.

Again I say, what constitutes flexibility? What other country has ever returned land captured in battle? Picture Russia doing the same.

One can hardly blame Israel for not wanting to sit down with the PLO who are openly bent on the total destruction of Israel, besides boasting of being responsible for the hijacking and murders that are still taking place of innocent women and children.

While there is no doubt in my mind that Sadat is genuinely interested in peace, recent events (such as the loss of 50,000 lives in Lebanon and the poisoning of Israeli fruit by the terrorists) prove without a doubt that the remainder of the Arab world does not want peace.

In light of all this, how can any fair-minded person expect Israel to give up certain borders, which protect her very right to exist, and thus commit suicide. It is obvious Sadat's intentions are well meant, but they are not good enough.

Alex Beder,
Toronto

Singles fulfilled?

Dear Editor:

A recent article (CJN, Jan. 7) asked why young Jews were looking outside of Judaism for self-fulfilment. It went on to suggest that the fault lies with Jewish tradition itself. That's absurd. So where does the fault lie? Let me suggest one possible source.

Since moving to New York, I've been inundated with a non-stop series of interesting and vital Jewish programs for students and young singles. A preliminary list of the offerings would include a young Jewish artists' group, a very professional radio show run by young Jews, a weekly coffeehouse presenting the best in young Jewish talent, a Jewish singles' newsletter — all supported by the community. Obviously New York has a much greater number of students and singles to deal with, but then again, Toronto's Jewish community has a lot more money available on a per student basis.

So how does Toronto fare? A thorough survey of that issue of The CJN is perhaps indicative. If one examines the total range of activities made available to young Jews in Toronto (indeed the only city in Canada mentioned) for January, we come up with the following: a wine and cheese dance, a boogie bash, a mid-week disco and a danceathon.

If this is indicative of what the community values and makes available for the young Jew in Toronto, is it any wonder that many find it necessary to look elsewhere for fulfilment?

Until such time that the community matures to the point that it encourages creative and alternative modes of expression for its youth, this condition will persist.

Martin Rosen,
New York, N.Y.

American violinist Isaac Stern [standing] leads Israeli musicians at a recording session at the Jerusalem Music Center. Stern is a regular visitor to the Jewish state.

From kosher food to Queen Esther...

Come, escape with me— enjoy some Israeli tidbits

By J. B. SALSBERG

No, my dear readers, I'm not suggesting that you drop everything and escape with me to a never-never land. There is no such beckoning territory on this planet. If there were I would have found it by now.

Nor am I asking you, my esteemed friends, to turn your backs on our renowned Canadian winter and run with me to Florida, that tinselled Garden of Eden from which people return either black or blue, but never wonderfully white-as-milk as we usually are.

Besides, since I keep no secrets from you, I might as well come clean and tell you that I never wintered in Florida because I really don't dislike our winters. (Though on occasions I do wish they didn't last so long.) In fact, I find myself quite excited and stimulated by a dry, falling snow that is whipped about in a lively fashion by a friendly wintry wind. (But I do resent it when the wind lashes the fresh-falling snow in a wild and punitive fashion.)

If I am so well adjusted to our winters then why, you will ask, do I desire to escape just when that invigorating weather is all about us? I do this as a bit of psychological escapism.

World affairs, Israeli affairs and even Canadian affairs are so complicated, so unsettling and so worrisome that I want to change the grey scenery that this column has presented to you for many weeks now. As for going somewhere, well, that's only a figure of speech.

So I want to suggest that we all relax a bit and that you allow me to present to you a few glimpses of Israeli life that you don't usually read about. OK, relax, if you please.

1. Egyptians, not Jews, eat kosher food

When Prime Minister Menachem Begin flew to Ismailia to meet President Sadat, he was, naturally enough, accompanied by planeloads of advisers, newspapermen, radio reporters, commentators and oodles of television crews. (It was a free ride and the excitement of Israelis being actually welcomed in Egypt.)

The Egyptians, on their side, wanted to display their hospitality and concern for the happiness of their guests. Having been told that Jews eat only kosher food, the Egyptians ordered and brought by plane from Brussels, Belgium, an enormous quantity of kosher food packages. The kosher items were prominently displayed alongside the non-kosher food that was also available for the non-Jewish media people.

But, as the prominent Israeli newspaperman Moshe Ron reported, the officials of the Egyptian Press Bureau, the host to the visiting press people, became perplexed when they found that only a handful of Israeli press corps took the kosher packages. The majority evidently preferred the other kind . . .

After a few meals the kosher products created a dangerous build-up on the premises. They, the Egyptian officials, solved the problem by giving free kosher food packages to their ample staff of Egyptian guards, secretaries, translators etc. etc. Thus was the threatening crisis of unwanted kosher food solved to the evident satisfaction of Egypt and Israel . . .

2. Observant Israeli women can now learn to drive

Since only men are licenced driving-school instructors in Israel, observant — very observant — women were told by their rabbis that they cannot sit with the instructor — a strange man — in the front seat of the car. As a result, women who had no member of the family able and authorized to teach driving were up against the wall.

Finally a few women took the instructor's course and were licenced to perform the duties of driving instructors. Recently, according to the same Mr. Ron, a woman instructor placed an advertisement in the paper of Agudat Israel (a Halachic political party) and, she said, that she was flooded with telephone calls for appointments. Which shows that where there is a will there is a way. This is a story with a happy ending.

3. Who is the heroine, Queen Esther or Vashti?

We were taught from time immemorial that Queen Esther was the heroine of the Purim holiday. She saved the Jews from the evil plot of that scoundrel Haman. We also knew that Vashti, the rebellious Queen of King Ahasuerus, was sacked (actually killed) for refusing to appear without clothes before the king's drunken friends. Nu, we thought, so she was sacked, or killed! Big thing in those days! How else would Esther have become queen?

But now Ms. Marcia Freedman, a leader of Israel's women's liberation movement and a member of the Knesset, came out with a theory that Vashti was really the heroine; she rebelled against male domination and sex exploitation of Ahasuerus, while Esther was only a goody, goody child-bride who accepted male domination.

Nu, I ask you, is nothing sacred anymore? What next?

OK thanks for the brief escape with me. Meet you next week.

NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO WOO ARABS

By SAM COHEN

ANKARA [JCNS] —

The new Turkish government led by the moderate leftist premier, Bulent Ecevit, will continue to follow a policy of friendship and closer co-operation with the Arab countries. The recent change of government in Ankara is therefore unlikely to bring any major change in Turkey's Middle East policy.

The new foreign minister, Gunduz Okcun, has declared that the government's aim will be to "raise the relationship with all the Arab countries, regardless of their internal differences, to the highest possible level." He says that the government will try to strengthen co-operation with the Islamic world.

The outgoing coalition government of the conservative premier, Suleyman Demirel, followed a pro-Arab policy. It gave full support to the Arab and Palestinian cause; advocated the complete withdrawal of Israel to the pre-1967 borders and the creation of an independent Palestinian state. It also expressed disapproval of Israel's expansionist policies on various occasions. However, the previous government did not break off diplomatic relations with Israel, although one of the coalition partners, Necmettin Erbakan's pro-Islamic National Salvation Party, strongly pressed for it.

Ecevit's new government has a different approach and style in foreign policy, including the Middle East. Whereas the outgoing right-wing government gave major importance to the relations with the Islamic and the Arab world partly for religious and sentimental reasons, the new government, which is more liberal and loyal to the concept of secularism, puts Turkey's relations with the Arab and Islamic world within a different context.

Ecevit's government wants to follow a more balanced and independent foreign policy, within the Western alliance. It shows a special interest in developing ties with the Third World. It is even eager to play the role of a bridge between the West and the Third World, and in practical terms it aspires to combine the rich resources of the Islamic world (such as petrodollars), with the technical know-how or technology of the developed countries. It also sees vast areas of co-operation and a good market for Turkish goods, labor, and joint development projects, with the neighboring Arab countries.

All these different practical, political and economic reasons lead Ecevit's government to the same objective of establishing closer ties with the Arabs and supporting their cause.

However, the present government is determined to stay away from inter-Arab differences and to develop relations with all the Arab countries, without discriminating about their moderate or radical tendencies.

There is no question, in Ecevit's government, of a personal or sentimental hostility towards Israel, as was the case in the previous government. It was known that certain members of the outgoing government were even preventing trade relations with Israel. Not only has the new government a more pragmatic approach to foreign affairs, but also some of its leading members are known to have a deep sympathy for the economic and social achievements of Israel.

Therefore, observers believe that under the new government while efforts are made to develop ties with the Arab countries and the Islamic world in general, there might also be an improvement in the relations with Israel which have remained for quite sometime in the deep-freeze.

INFLATION RATE AT 42.5%

JERUSALEM [JCNS] —

Although Israelis are totally absorbed by the momentous political events on the Israel-Egyptian political front, the recent publication of the economic data for the past year and the prospects for the present have made a deep impact on economists as well as ordinary breadwinners.

Inflation in 1977 is now known to be 42.5%, reflected in the rise of the cost-of-living index. This means that far more money has been printed to meet wages and other expenses than the real average price rises which were 34.6%. The result has been a drop in the real value of the Israeli pound, a consistent drop in prices of shares on the stock market and increased buying of foreign currency as a means of guaranteeing their money's value.

This is a negative phenomenon and contradicts the initial reaction of Israelis when the pound was allowed to float freely and foreign currency controls were abolished last November. At that time Israelis had refused to buy foreign currency expressing their confidence in the home currency.

The government is not interested in encouraging this trend, which can undermine the healthy increase in the foreign currency reserve, and is urging the banks to come forward with attractive savings plans to lure the excess money away from the foreign currency market.

To treat the illness at its root — public spending — the cabinet, at Prime Minister Menachem Begin's initiative, has decided to cut the state budget by $200 million in 1978-79.

Finance Minister Simcha Erlich has begun meetings with cabinet ministers to discuss reductions in the ministries' budgets. The cutting down of the budget has come following general criticism that it is too inflationary. Among the critics is the Bank of Israel, which claims that the government would have to print $812 million in new money next year, nearly double the amount envisaged in the draft budget.

Cutbacks in budget

The decision to cut the budget refers to an overall cut, not necessarily to an across-the-board slash of equal percentage in each ministry's budget. The cabinet will have to decide the priorities if Erlich fails to reach agreement with the ministers.

The Bank of Israel's governor, Arnon Gafny, told the Knesset Finance Committee that the budget should be cut by $948 million plus another $66 million from the budget of the current fiscal year. But Erlich faces some tough bargaining with the ministers.

Israel Katz, minister of labor and social affairs, has already gone on record as opposing not only uniform budget slashing, but also many cuts and freezing of expenditure for the economically-weaker section of the country.

One way seen to cut the budget is by revising the treasury's estimates on the cost of government purchases and on the sensitive item of civil service salaries. The finance minister has warned that these salaries would have to be frozen, or massive redundancies would have to be introduced in the civil service.

This would not help the general employment picture. Unemployment in the third quarter of 1977 had reached 4.3%, the highest rate since the 1967 recession year, when the rate was 7.1%. The jobless rate showed a sharp rise for women, but actually fell for men.

Some 53,000 workers were idle in the third quarter of last year, up from 43,000 or 3.8% of the labor force in the preceding quarter. But the Finance Ministry was unperturbed by the increase in unemployment and stated that the growth was in accordance with the government economic program.

Ephraim Dovrat, the Finance Ministry's adviser, said that the rise of unemployment was the result of economic stagnation of the past three years. As manufacturers see the economy remaining stagnant, they begin to discharge an increasing number of workers. Unless export industries absorb these unemployed, joblessness would continue to grow, Dovrat added.

Israel's labor force numbered 1.24 million in the first nine months of 1977. This is 49.9% of the population over the age of 14, and compares with a labor force of 48.8% of the population in the same period of 1976.

Sixty-six per cent of the men and 34% of the women belong to the labor force. Unfortunately, the greater part of the force is employed in services and only some 250,000 workers are employed in export industries. This percentage has not changed and newly employed men and women have mainly gone into services and the non-productive sector.

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The school enrolls both boys and girls.

The establishment of the school reflects the growth of Israel's diamond industry over the past few years. Sales rose from $549 million in 1975 to $712 million in 1976, an increase of nearly 30% — and preliminary figures indicate that 1977 saw a growth rate of 45%. Since the Israeli diamond industry is primarily an export business, any growth that takes place within the industry means an increase in the amount of much-needed foreign currency flowing into Israel — a vital factor in the nation's overall economic health.

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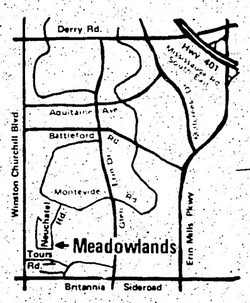

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what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

IN A SERIOUS VEIN

The Jewish Family — To Be Or Not To Be? is the theme of the institute being held by Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith this weekend, the 25-26th, at Adath Israel Synagogue. It starts off Saturday evening at 8:30 with a discussion by University of Toronto Prof. Ben Schlesinger and continues Sunday with sessions and workshops conducted by Jerry Diamond, Jewish Family and Child Service; Michael Scheinert, Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly; Harold Malitzky, Board of Jewish Education, and CJN columnist J.B. Salsberg.

On Sunday, the 26th, Prof. Zvi Gittelman, University of Michigan, will deliver the first annual Label Basman Memorial Lecture at 8:15 p.m. at the Medical Science Building, University of Toronto. His topic — **The Jewish Political Tradition of Eastern Europe: Historical Background and Contemporary Impact.**

The North-East Jewish Community Service lecture series continues on Monday, the 27th, with a talk on **The Future of Quebec and Its Jewish Community** by Norman May, chairman, Canada-Israel Committee. It takes place at 8 p.m. at Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie St.

Also on Monday, the 27th, the 'Y' Centre for Human Affairs presents an evening of poetry with well-known Canadian poet Eli Mandel. That's at 8 p.m. at the northern 'Y'.

The Celebration for Women series, run by the 'Y's Women's Resource Centre, continues on Wednesday, March 1 with **Creativity in Your Life Style** by Frances Chapkin, North York Board of Education trustee, and on March 22 with **The Middle Years** by York University lecturer Mary Sue McCarthy. Lectures take place from 1:30-3:30 at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

JEWISH MUSIC MONTH EVENT

The Beth Tikvah Choir, under the direction of Srul Glick, will be accompanying Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum at morning services this Saturday the 25th, at Adath Israel Synagogue.

GARIN MORESHET AVOT

Garin Moreshet Avot is a group of religiously observant young marrieds and singles committed to moving to Israel as a group. The site they have chosen is Kiryat Arba (near Hebron), a well-established community of 300 families with a number of schools and industries and a hesder yeshiva (combined army and academics).

Michael Shumacher, who is making aliya with his wife Shevy this summer, is the Canadian publicity representative. He reports that a meeting is arranged for this Sunday, the 26th. For anyone interested in finding out more about the garin, it's at 8:30 p.m. at Ulpanat Orot School, 4445 Bathurst St. You can call him at 633-3363.

THE DANCING CROWD

An oriental evening has been planned by Petah Tikva Sisterhood for this Saturday, the 25th, with entertainment by international singer Ahuva; dancer from Marakesh Dahlia Obadia, and the Samuel Oziel orchestra. There will be a prize for the best North African costume. It all takes place at 8:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 20 Danby Ave. For information, call the synagogue office at 636-4719.

For a change of pace that same evening,— a square dance put on by Hillel Foundation B'nai B'rith, begins at 9 p.m. at the south 'Y'. For information call 923-9861.

Then on Sunday, the 26th, the Young Adults (19-30) are having a disco dance at 8:30 p.m. at the northern 'Y'. No admission charge for the first 20 women.

ART LOVERS TAKE NOTE

Beth Meyer Synagogue's second annual art show and sale, set for this Saturday, the 25th, features limited edition, signed and numbered lithographs of contemporary and Jewish subjects. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 68 Collinson Blvd., Downsview.

WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Grade 9 students at Associated Hebrew Schools are having their annual tea and fashion show this Sunday, the 26th, at 2 p.m. at the Bathurst Street branch. The show, **Spring Fever**, will preview new fashion trends for spring. Proceeds go to UJA. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

A casino night for teens (14-18) is being held at the northern 'Y' at 8:30 p.m. this Saturday, the 25th.

FOR SINGLES

The Total Living group at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda has planned a supper and social for this Sunday, the 26th, at 6 p.m. at the synagogue. Reservations are a must, so call 225-8636 or 630-7323.

LEUKEMIA FUND DRAW

The Leukemia Research Fund annual jackpot draw takes place Tuesday, the 28th, at 8:30 p.m. at Habonim Congregation, 12 Holloman Rd. There will be 10 prizes in all, and proceeds go to leukemia research. For information, call 783-5838.

PIONEER WOMEN CONVENTION

The Canadian contingent attending the World Movement Pioneer Women Na'amat convention in Israel last week, was headed by national president, Eve Natch, of Winnipeg. The group — Ruth Wolfish, and Lillian Wax of Toronto, and Flora Naglie, Layah Borod, Dora Bonder, Tamar Kofsky and Sara Hazen of Montreal — joined the other 60 delegates from branches of the organization in 13 countries outside Israel, representing one million women. Discussion centred on a change of structure to a new world movement with an equal voice for all the member countries.

Vatican's Israeli stand may symbolize stress in relationship to Jews

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO —

The Vatican's failure to recognize Israel may symbolize remnants of stress in the Catholic Church's relationship to Jews, according to Rabbi Gunther Plaut.

Speaking at an interfaith conference last week, the former Holy Blossom rabbi said that despite the progress of the Vatican II Council, many still question whether "the lack of recognition of the state of Israel is ultimately a deeper reflection of the tension that still exists in the bosom of the church."

Although acknowledging the progressive thinkers in the Catholic community, Plaut suggested there still may be "a strong streak that harkens back to older days that believes Jews must ultimately become Christians."

The rabbi, along with theologian Gregory Baum, was a keynote speaker at a two-day conference on the concept of chosenness, or election, in the Jewish and Christian traditions.

The ascendancy of Israel as a nation-state marked "a seal of permanency" to Judaism. While the Moslem possession of Jerusalem before 1967 did not pose a theological dilemma to the Vatican, said the rabbi, Jewish possession did. "The internationality of Jerusalem as a political desideratum," he told the audience of Christians and Jews at St. Michael's College, "is also a theological desideratum," closely tied to the whole question of who is the chosen people.

Gregory Baum

Baum, in an interview after Plaut's comments, said the Vatican's hesitation was a purely diplomatic-political issue, not a theological one. Many Catholics, in both Canada and the U.S., have opposed the papal neutrality.

He also noted that the Jewish community, at present, is more concerned with Israel's security than inter-religious dialogue on purely theological matters.

And he dismissed the implication that mainstream Christian movements are still preoccupied with proselytization, although some minor Christian groups are interested in conversions.

In his formal address to some 70 people, the controversial Catholic academician who recently left the priesthood, said early Christian concepts of chosenness meant the negation of Judaism. Ancient Israel's sins through the ages were compounded with the rejection of Jesus, in the minds of the early Church fathers and liturgy.

"The spiritual negation (of Judaism) translated into political and social realities that contributed to a tragic history," explained Baum. "After the Holocaust the church was shocked. It felt not that it contributed to Nazi ideology, but it recognized symbols in Nazism, anti-Semitic symbols, which were derived from the tradition of Church preaching itself."

In modern times Christians have reinterpreted their concept of chosenness to allow for "reconciliation and pacification," he said, which has resulted in a new social awareness.

Plaut, in his address to the conference the evening before, outlined how the Jewish concept of chosenness had been watered down by the enlightenment period — where secularists viewed it as counter-productive to the principle of religious egalitarianism.

The rise of the state of Israel also contributed to weaken the chosenness maxim since nationalists and political Zionists viewed the Jewish state on an equal footing with other nations.

While the theory of divine election may appear self-centred, he said, the Jews viewed it as a responsibility. "It glorified Jewish choice, Jewish potential and Jewish hope. It magnified at the same time Jewish failings."

Pointing out that some scholars view chosenness as a means of Jewish survival, Plaut remarked: "Oppression does terrible things to people. Oppression can sometimes compress the essence of a nation or human being so that its quintessential quality becomes hardened like coal turns to diamonds.

"But oppression also warps and misshapes. The chosenness aspect of survival also meant, all too often, that we believed we were superior . . ."

Individual Jews have choices, said the rabbi, but the Jewish people have none. The people of Israel, he added, are crucial to humanity; its survival politically, spiritually and culturally.

The two-day conference was co-sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple and Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto.

...about people

Toronto composer **Morris Surdin** has recently returned from a trip out west where he attended the dedication ceremonies of a library named in his honor. The music library, a section of the archives at the University of Calgary, contains 2,500 of his own original scores.

Interested in "the relationship of words to music," he is primarily a composer of music for drama with credits for such radio shows as **Jake and the Kid** and **CBC Stage** here, and **Once Upon a Tune** in New York, as well as for TV and films. Originally approached by the National Archives in Ottawa and the University of Toronto, Mr. Surdin says he chose Calgary because it would be a working archives for students.

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Ruth Zimerman

What some of our young people are doing — **Ruth Zimerman** is enrolled at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem as a freshman in social sciences. This year, in a special program for overseas students, the 19-year-old Torontonian is taking her course in English, plus intensive classes in Hebrew to prepare her for full-scale studies in Hebrew. Ruth is the daughter of David and Molly Zimerman

...Ten Canadian students were named to the dean's list at Yeshiva University's Yeshiva College. They are **Noah Witty** and **Martin Samosh** of Toronto; **David Simmer** of Edmonton; **Berl Eckstein** and **Bernie Good** of Ottawa, and a group from Montreal — **Ernest Roll, Norman Gold, Monty Green, Nathan Rosenschein** and **Gerson Sonnenshein.**

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Even busier days are ahead for Rabbi **W. Gunther Plaut**. The president of Canadian Jewish Congress and senior scholar at Holy Blossom Temple, he has now added the Ontario Human Rights Commission to his list of commitments. The rabbi has just been appointed to a three-year term on the council by Premier William Davis, effective this week.

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When Dr. **Marvin Goodman** was installed as the 32nd president of the Ontario Psychological Association at its annual meeting in Ottawa recently, he was also presented with an award of merit for outstanding contribution to psychology in education. Dr. Goodman is current chief psychologist of the North York Board of Education.

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The vice-chancellor of McGill University has become a member of the National Advisory Council of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University. According to an announcement by **Stuart Rosenberg,** national executive director, Dr. **Robert E. Bell** has joined the 35-member council consisting of Canadian leaders of science and culture.

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Harriet Wolman has been re-elected chairman of the York Board of Education for a second term, which means she will also sit on the Board of Education for Metropolitan Toronto.

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One of the six women chosen for astronaut training by NASA (National Administration and Space Agency), **Judith Resnik** of Redondo Beach, Calif., is the daughter of a Palestinian-born Jew who came to the U.S. as a teenager. Miss Resnik, a 28-year-old electrical engineer with the Xerox Corp., was a former Hebrew high school pupil in Akron, Ohio (where her parents reside) and still speaks some Hebrew.

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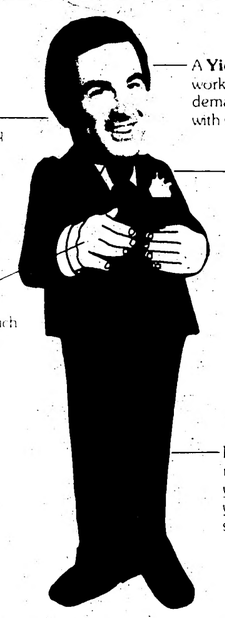

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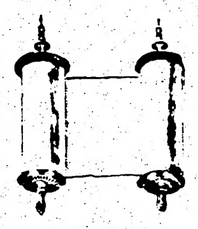

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Kee Teesa

Vo'amalai oto ruach Elokeem...And I have filled him with the spirit of G-d...

We don't realize what we destroy with a transgression or accomplish with a mitzva.

The author of the famous scholarly work, the **Baal Hafla'a**, once collected a minyan in order to daven with a quorum. He noticed that one of the 10 was a notorious transgressor, and the rabbi refused to pray until they added another person.

The sinner protested. "Rabbi, when they offered the incense spices in the sanctuary, one of the spices was **chelbena**(galbanum) which had a bad scent. Still, mixed with other finer scents it was acceptable!"

"Yes," answered the rabbi sadly, "but you notice they required 11 spices."

But between you an me, what were the spices (which were offered twice daily in the Temple) all about? Why did the Almighty have to turn the Temple into a perfume shop?

According to Maimonides, the simple reason was that since animal sacrifices burned day and night on the altar, there were times when the odor of burning flesh would be overwhelming and had to be covered by the sweet scent of spices.

But there's something more also. Scent, smell, is the most delicate of all the senses. We don't eat or drink scent, but it touches the very essence of our soul. The beautiful scents of the sanctuary were a reminder...when a person does a mitzva, he wafts around his neshama a scent of Gan Eden. But if a person commits an avaira, G-d forbid, he enwraps himself with a noxious spiritual odor that all the deodorants in the world can't disguise.

When a Jew sins, it's not just that he broke G-d's law — but that he affects the beauty, purity and sanctity of his very being. It leaves its mark.

But **teshuva,** true penitence, wafts away the odor of the past and lets in the fresh air of holiness.

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When observant Jews become even more fiery, more **hislavadek**, there will be a revolution in Judaism.

Consider...our rabbis taught, "any public fast (called in order to repent because catastrophe threatens) which does not include transgressors, is not a real fast..."

How strange! A hundred holy rabbis joining together to fast and pray is not complete unless a few transgressors are also mixed in. Why? Who needs them? Why mix in salt with cream?

Ah, but it teaches....any fast and repentence that is not conducted with such fiery ardor that even **poshai Yisrael**, transgressors who have rejected and mock Jewish tradition are not moved, inspired and shaken, is a failure!

Those who go under the banner of Torah cannot be wishy-washy. They cannot be summer soldiers. They have to feel the Shechinah nearby, the yoke of mitzvas, the surge of joy...until those around them also catch on fire.

You can't walk or run to serve G-d. You have to dance with joy before Him. (Baal Shem Tov)

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Toronto had such a Jew in its midst. Cantor Ephraim Rosenberg of Beth Sholom Synagogue was a man of true and true Yiddishkeit, of love for his fellow man, and desire to draw them closer to Torah. In an age when much of what goes for religion is hollow and cold, he was warm and complete. A great chazan, but more important, a great Yid.

His passing last week leaves us all emptier. May his soul be bound up in eternal life, and may his family find consolation in living memory of his **maasim tovim** and beautiful neshama.

Shabbat Shalom.

After-hours Hebrew now a credit

TORONTO [Staff] —

High school students studying in afternoon congregational schools will be eligible to receive Ministry of Education approved credit for Hebrew language instruction this fall.

Through a plan negotiated with the ministry last year — and approved by the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto this month — pupils would register as part-time students at CHAT under the independent study program, to receive the grade 10 level credit.

The Academy is serving as the catalyst, from an administrative viewpoint, since its principal of general studies is certified. A student must take a minimum of 110 hours of instruction at his congregational school; the credit will be granted by CHAT and then transferred to the public high school.

According to Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, any congregational school can theoretically organize a credit course, although he anticipates an enrolment of less than 100 students when the program gets underway this September.

The fee for the course will be covered by the congregational or afternoon school tuition. A $35 administrative surcharge will be applied by CHAT to cover costs and regular inspection. —

Witty said the course would closely parallel a similar program at Mackenzie and Forest Hill collegiates and Sir Sandford Fleming Secondary School which offer the Hebrew option to high school students. Two different levels — beginners and advanced — will likely be available.

Involving a "consistent commitment," added the rabbi, the course will require attendance close to four hours per week. Further information can be acquired by phoning the congregational school or the BJE.

STAMPS

A salute to Jolson and talkies

By CHAIM YEHUDA

On Oct. 6, 1977, the U.S. issued a commemorative marking the 50th anniversary of talking pictures.

The first-day cover cachet illustrated was prepared privately; it depicts Al Jolson as **The Jazz Singer**, the billboard advertising this first 'talkie', and Warner's Theatre in the background.

The 13 cent stamp depicts an old movie projector in operation against an orange background. The site of the first day of issue was, of course, Hollywood. Numerous other covers have already appeared with this stamp honoring other famous theatrical personnel.

Jolson (Asa Yoelson), born in the Russian village of Sredniche about 1886, was the son of a cantor. The family emigrated to Washington, D.C. when he was eight. As a boy, he developed an interest in entertaining and continually kept running away from home, usually to New York.

He worked in circuses, musicals, minstrel shows, vaudeville houses, and for a short time as a singing waiter. He disappointed his father, who probably would have wanted his son to have become a cantor.

Jolson's first great success was **La Belle Paree**, where he appeared on Broadway in 1911; this was followed by other outstanding musical performances which included **The Honeymoon Express** in 1913, **Sinbad** in 1918, **Bombo** in 1921 and **Wonder Bar** in 1931.

In 1927, with the showing of **The Jazz Singer**, a new era in motion pictures began. This film was a tremendous success everywhere and was soon followed by Jolson's second talking film, **The Singing Fool**.

In 1948, Jolson recorded **Hatikva** and an old Jewish folk song, which he called **Israel**; the royalties were donated to the United Jewish Appeal.

Hollywood has produced two films about his career, **The Jolson Story** and **Jolson Sings Again**.

Michael Kestenberg (seated), gets right down to business while his fellow telethoners in the young lawyers' group study lists of UJA prospects to be called. From the left are Ian Solomon, Stan Fienberg, Mark Hartman, Stan Rosenfarb and Alan Siegal. Their efforts in one evening paid off to the tune of $16,000...and they report they had a lot of fun while doing their thing for UJA.

Tubby Cole

That was a nice surprise **Allan Offman** arranged for the Major Gifts re-assignment meeting at the Inn on the Park. As we walked into the meeting room, we were greeted by **Rafael Nunez** and his Mexican band (two-piece) playing happy Latin American music.

It was a great way to start the day. As Allan pointed out, "we're bringing the south to the north for those of you who are braving the cold February weather."

The music seemed to warm the hearts of all present because there was no problem when **Dave Marks** re-assigned cards. Everybody co-operated cheerfully. If this spirit prevails for at least another five or six weeks, I'm certain we will hit the $20 million mark.

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To be a successful chairman you must have a lot of good, reliable people on your team, and early on in the campaign you get to know who they are.

It took no time at all for me to realize that **Lew Moses** is one of those reliables who can be depended on to come through at all times. Besides serving as a member of the campaign cabinet and as a Major Gifts vice-chairman, he has covered 60 Major Gifts cards so far and he tells me he has another 10 to complete. Lew is a perfect example of the continuity we so desperately need in this community. He began canvassing in the early 50s and has given UJA his wholehearted support, nonstop, through the years. That support stems from a passionate devotion to the Zionist ideal which has been a major focus of his life since his boyhood days in Hungary.

Lew Moses

Lew grew up in a strictly Orthodox home and says his father, who died recently at the age of 95, never ate meat after he came to Canada. "He didn't think the meat was kosher enough," Lew said.

When I think of Lew Moses, the words "loyalty and tenacity" come to mind. When Lew involves himself in a cause, he sees it through. He became a follower of the Herut movement 30 years ago and never wavered in his loyalty to the party. Lew is one of a handful of Canadians who are truly close to **Menachem Begin**, and is one of the prime minister's most ardent supporters. When Begin was last in Toronto he was a guest at the Moses' home.

Lew is presently in Israel on a two-fold mission — to attend the World Zionist Congress and the World Herut Congress, of which he is national treasurer for Canada.

No matter where his party loyalties lie, Lew says that the "We are One" slogan is one we must never forget. "All Jews, whatever their persuasion, have to face up to their responsibilities to Israel and maintain a Jewish presence in their own communities," he declares.

Amen to that, Lew.

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Young Executives and **Young Adults** joined forces for a telethon from the offices of JDS Investments and the 20 telethoners raised close to $20,000. It was an across-the-board effort, with calls made to prospects in all Business & Professions groups.

The Young Execs, by the way, are maintaining the hot pace established earlier in the campaign and, on a card for card basis, increases are running 90% higher than last year!

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News for the younger element (mid 20s to mid 30s) who want to celebrate Israel's 30th anniversary in Israel: the **Leadership Development Committee** of Toronto Jewish Congress, in conjunction with UJA, is planning a Young Leadership Mission from May 16 to May 29.

The itinerary and all mission events have been arranged by Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal, which means it will be more than "just another tour."

For more details, call the mission chairman, **Diane Zeidel,** at 449-4168, or call **Allen Juris** at the UJA office, 869-3811.

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My thanks to the brotherhood of **Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda** for putting on such a successful UJA breakfast. More than 200 members attended, including 50 who are active UJA canvassers. **Col. Jacob Monbaz,** special UIA emissary, brought the audience up-to-date on the ever-changing Middle East situation. The program was organized by **Nelson Ludwig**, brotherhood president, and **Fred Stoll**, who is UJA chairman at Beth Emeth as well as co-chairman with **Mike Harris** of the Synagogue division.

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There's no business like show business, no matter how old you are. Residents of the **Jewish Home for the Aged** and participants in the **Baycrest Centre Day Care** program are rehearsing for a full-scale talent show which will "go on the boards," as they say in showbiz, on Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m., in the Abe Posluns auditorium. All proceeds for UJA.

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Don't forget the **Blitz Day,** Wednesday, March 1, starting at three locations: Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Shaarei Shomayim and Inn on the Park. Watch for special news about the March 8 blitz.

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Territorial debate shook Zionists

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By ROCHELLE CARR

There were heated debates in Zionist circles across Europe, particularly in Russia. It was Feb. 24, 1904. For six months, since the sixth Zionist congress, the summer before, the fledgling organization was undergoing its most difficult internal problem to date — the Uganda question.

In a sense, the whole issue started as a result of numerous earlier failures. Theodor Herzl, who espoused a political approach to the Zionist dream, tried in vain to get permission to have Jews settle in the Holy Land. Turkey, which then controlled Palestine, pushed aside all pleas to let some of Europe's destitute Jews enter.

Herzl, fearing that the plight of those Jews depended on the immediate acquisition of a homeland, tried other plans. One was to approach England, which controlled the territory around El Arish, on the eastern side of the Suez Canal. The plan to settle Jews fell through for a number of reasons.

Around that time, the British colonial secretary, Joseph Chamberlain, broached the idea of settling some Jews on land in East Africa. The area became generally referred to as Uganda.

The proposal almost tore the Zionist movement apart, just as it was getting off the ground.

When the sixth Zionist congress convened in the heat of the summer of 1903, Herzl presented the idea as a palliative to Jewry's difficulties. (The Kishinev pogrom had taken place just a few months before.) Incredulous, some delegates stormed out of the hall at Basle, Switzerland, while others called Herzl a traitor. Another leading Zionist and friend of Herzl's, Max Nordau, was almost killed by a youthful, angry Zionist.

Enough delegates voted to send a group to the area in East Africa (which is not the country of Uganda as it stands today) to investigate. The project was doomed from the start. It was to be one of Herzl's last and, unfortunately, bitter struggles. He died the following summer, at the age of 44.

A year later, at the seventh Zionist congress, a group headed by the British novelist, Israel Zangwill, broke away to form the Jewish Territorial Association. The rest of the delegates, however, voted overwhelmingly against the whole Uganda idea. Then it was left to the movement to attempt to patch up hurt feelings among the delegates caused by the strife over the Uganda question.

If that chapter in Zionist history was to prove anything, it showed the world that Zion was home and there would never be any substitute.

CICF's Amici series cancelled

TORONTO —

The Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation has announced the cancellation of the Amici series — three concerts planned originally in co-operation with the Toronto Arts Productions.

In recognition of the honor awarded the young Israeli pianist Yefim Bronfman by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and Zubin Mehta, who have invited him to tour Australia as of next week, the CICF released him from his contract for this year. He was to have played in the first concert of the series.

As no new date could be found for Bronfman this season, the CICF has decided to cancel the whole series for 1977/78.

Toronto Arts Production will bring Emanuel Ax, first prize winner of the Rubinstein Competition in Israel, to the Town Hall as part of its 1978/79 season.

Similarly, Camerata have agreed to postpone their concert (scheduled for April 14) until next season.

All subscriptions will be refunded at the St. Lawrence Centre box office, 27 Front Street E. Telephone: 366-7723.

CICF organizers regret any inconvenience the cancellation may have caused.

Cantor Ephraim Rosenberg of Beth Sholom dead at 60

Ephraim Rosenberg

TORONTO —

Cantor Ephraim Rosenberg, affiliated with Beth Sholom Synagogue for close to a decade, died recently while on vacation in Israel. He was 60.

A past-president of the Toronto Council of Hazzanim, Rosenberg began his cantorial career in his native Bucharest, Romania, at the age of 18. Trained at the conservatory there, and yeshiva-educated, he took up postings in Tel Aviv, London, Eng. and New York City before coming to Toronto.

Long involved with cantorial associations and a teacher as well, he was a past-president of the Jewish Ministers' and Cantors' Association of the United States and Canada, and the American Cantorial Assembly.

Rosenberg also taught at the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary and was a fellow at the New York-based institution.

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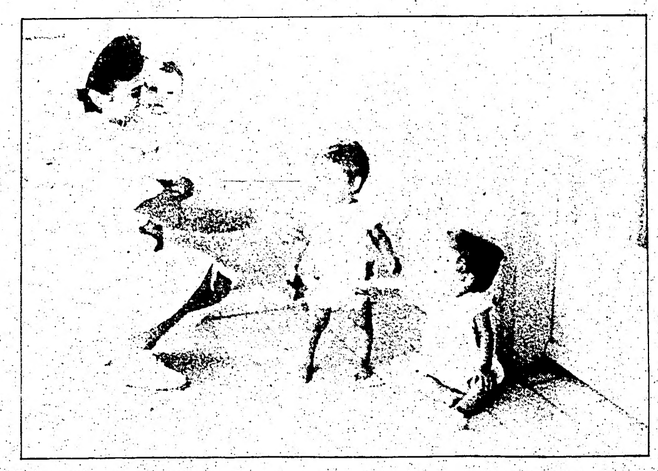

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Organizations and People

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Frank Gould, men's service group volunteer, serves Baycrest resident William Silver at the first all male Sunday brunch at the Jewish Home for the Aged. Other residents from left: Samuel Bassin, Abraham Starr and Wolfe Simbrow. Twenty residents took part in the new program. They were joined by 14 volunteers.

Baycrest service group begins Sunday brunches to boost male residents

TORONTO —

The men's service group of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care has begun a new program in honor of the centre's 60th anniversary. Concerned that the male residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged do not have enough "man-to-man" contact, the men's service group has begun bi-monthly Sunday brunches for the male residents.

At the initial brunch, Jan. 29, 14 volunteers and 20 residents shared a dairy lunch and were entertained by humorist Julie Sokoloff. The service group members did everything but prepare the food for the new program. They set tables, personally escorted their guests to and from their rooms, and cleaned up the Abe Posluns Auditorium afterwards. These extra duties meant that no additional staff was required for the program — an essential cost-saving factor.

The meal was preceded by a ritual glass of schnapps which helped break the ice and get conversation flowing. Roy Goldner, chairman of the volunteers corps, was delighted with the result of the first brunch.

"The residents blossomed in the warm, friendly atmosphere, and the volunteers gained tremendous personal satisfaction in working directly with the residents. Our group has always been extremely active in fund-raising for the home," he said, "and while we have sponsored many social events for residents and patients in the past, this is the most intimate program we have attempted. Each of us — volunteer and resident alike — gained something very special. All of us are looking forward to the next one on April 2."

Ontario drew on Israeli plan in designing ombudsman's job

By HARVEY WARREN

TORONTO —

Ontario Ombudsman Arthur Maloney said last week he drew on Israel's experience in handling public complaints to establish the office of the ombudsman of the province.

He told a crowd of 300 people at the Beth Tzedec Men's Club brotherhood dinner that he borrowed heavily from the lessons he learned from Itzhak Nebenzahl, Israel's commissioner for complaints and state controller.

Nebenzahl handled public complaints from its inception in 1950, but it wasn't until 1971 that the Knesset recognized this function in law.

Among the things Maloney studied in Israel were the organization of Nebenzahl's office, the size and expertise of his staff and the use of branch offices in cities other than Jerusalem.

Maloney, who has travelled the world to examine ombudsmen in other countries, met President Ephraim Katzir, who told the Canadian that Israel, with its values of decency, justice, integrity and democracy, is more closely aligned to Canada and the U.S. than its Arab neighbors.

Maloney also visited Yad Vashem and he described the structure, symbolism and his emotions about the memorial in explicit detail. He reminded the audience, as well, that he was a founding member of the Canadian Committee of Jurists and Lawyers for Soviet Jewry.

Maloney returned to the theme of ombudsmen at the conclusion of his talk with the words of Nebenzahl: "God gave man the task of conducting an everlasting struggle for moral advances not only in his individual soul but also in his society. In this an equal role is assigned to ombudsmen."

Beth Tzedec's Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg, in thanking Maloney, referred several times to his "magnificent message" and for his "commitment to brotherhood." The ombudsman was presented with a plaque which said a dunam of land in Israel will be reclaimed in his name.

Egypt's numbers climb by one million a year

CAIRO (ZINS) —

The biggest headache for Egypt's leaders is the country's population explosion. Unable to provide adequate conditions of livelihood and service for its present population, the government has to face, as well, the problem of feeding an additional one million mouths every year. At this rate, the population will have increased by 20 million by the year 2000.

Egypt's Minister of Planning, Abd-el-Razek has warned that the country's population will reach the 42 million mark in 1980, 47 million in the year 1985, 52 million by 1990 and 66 million in the year 2000.

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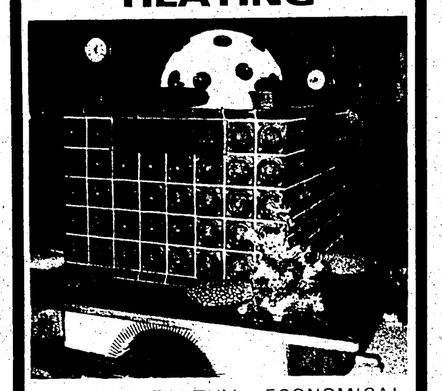

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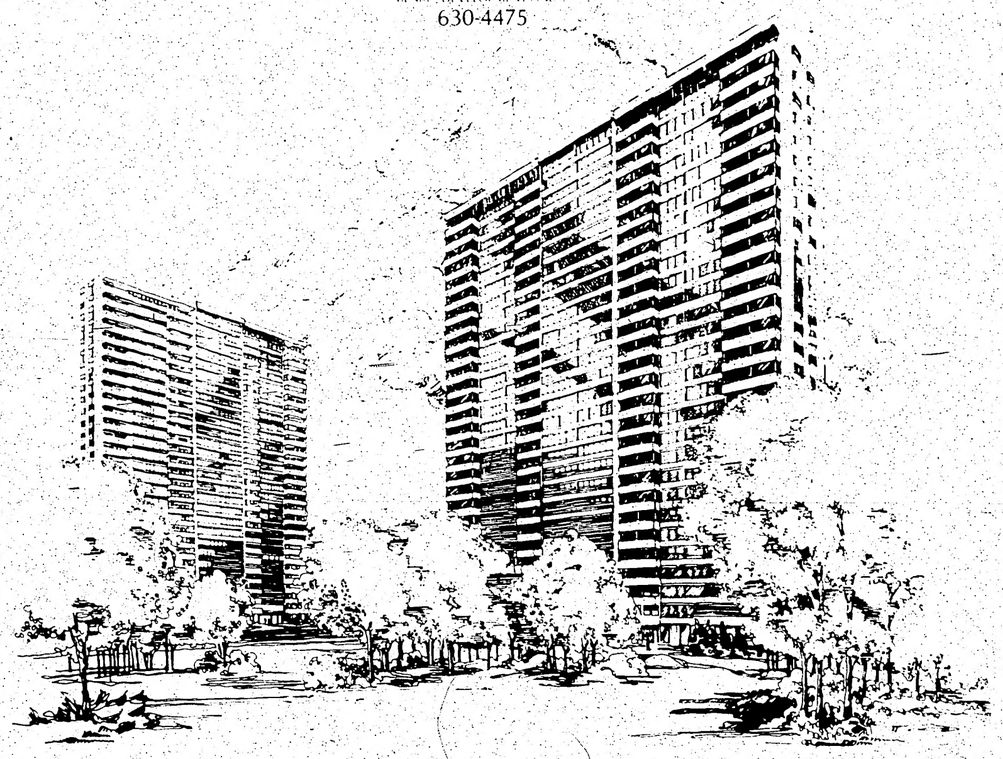

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Mood relaxed, not military, inside Israeli radio station

By ILAN SEIDNER

TEL AVIV —

Somewhere in one of Tel Aviv's poorer neighborhoods rises a non-descript sandstone building that is the headquarters for one of Israel's most dynamic and unique institutions, Galei Zahal, the Israel-armed force's radio network.

On the surface it is like most rear echelon military institutions. A crewcutted guard checks credentials, inquires into one's business and after ensuring that all is in order, sends the visitor past walls peeling of paint into the interior of an apartment building which looks desperate for renovation.

Inside, the atmosphere is decidedly relaxed and not military. Soldier correspondents scrutinize one of the four teletype machines that send a flow of information to the newsroom.

A pretty female news editor discusses an assignment with a member of her staff. Civilian technicians sit behind control panels. A well-known disc jockey, also a civilian, delivers his professional spiel to an audience of civilians lounging in the warm sun by the sea or combat soldiers sitting down to their afternoon meal at some distant, front-line base. Behind this calm surface appearances tend to deceive.

"What characterizes Galei Zahal from the other radio stations in this country are youth and dynamics. Some say too much of both." This is the opinion of Mordechai Naor, commander of the network, a civilian working for the army with the rank of colonel and a pleasant straightforward individual with a big full-time job.

"We see ourselves as serving three primary purposes. One is to be the mouthpiece of the soldiers that we directly represent. That means that, in addition to playing the popular music that today's young person wants to hear, it is also our duty to provide educational shows, news and information of direct importance to the enlisted man. In addition, we have an obligation to the general population. Most Israelis are citizen soldiers and our programing reflects that."

Therefore, Galei Zahal devotes much of its time to items of topical interest spiced with a heavy dose of Zionism which Naor sees as its "special mission".

A typical broadcasting day will offer interviews with newsmakers, a rundown on military jurisprudence, a live teletalk show where psychologists answer and discuss listeners' problems and a vast music show that has reporters taping regards from the men and women stationed far from home.

Last and perhaps most important is the musical programing that runs from early morning until dawn.

Galei Zahal began in 1954 as a very small operation run by a handful of people under primitive conditions. Air time was from three to four hours daily. By 1967, running time amounted to six hours a day, expanded to 12 hours in 1973 and as a result of the Yom Kippur War became a 24-hour station.

Its growth years were in the period from 1967 to 1974 when Yitzhak Livni, currently director of the Israel Broadcasting Network, was at the helm. Under his tenure, talk shows and live broadcasts were conceived. Stereo was introduced as well as family serials.

The character of the station changed so that today it is virtually indistinguishable from its civilian counterpart in Kol Yisrael, the second network. This has inevitably brought criticism, both public and private, about the overlapping of programing, waste (especially since the recent cut in the defence budget), and inferences that the station has strayed from its purpose.

Some sources at Galei Zahal hint that jealousy coming from the other networks is behind the uproar.

Announcer at Galei Zahal, the armed forces' radio station, gives latest news.

Message hits Times Square

NEW YORK [JCNS] —

The Lubavitch women's organization has arranged for a series of messages to be shown asking Jewish women to light Shabbat candles. Five separate messages will be shown, in sequence, all day, every Friday on the electronic screen at the Allied Chemical Tower in the heart of Times Square.

The messages will announce the time that candles must be lit, and will advise that "Jewish women and girls light Shabbat candles." There is a sketch of two female figures covering their eyes, having just lit the candles, included in the messages.

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Denny Nathan [left] plays Nurse Ratched and Sam Powell portrays Randle McMurphy in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" at 'Y'.

'Cuckoo's Nest' at 'Y' is real winner, but why fall back on past success?

theatre

By LYNN SLOTKIN

Reva Tward and the Art Theatre Production Company have a winner in their present production of **One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest**, now at the **Leah Posluns Theatre at the North 'Y'**.

Dale Wasserman's adaptation for the stage of Ken Kesey's novel is a view of life in a mental institution, on one level, and a sharply perceptive look at ourselves on another.

The play takes place in a large lounge of sorts where we see the comings and goings of the male patients, who are "cared" for by Nurse Ratched. It soon becomes apparent that Nurse Ratched is not so much a nurse to these men as she is a lord and master who rules with an iron hand gloved in steel.

Through gentle but very deadly intimidation she reduces these men to insecure, unstable, dependant children — unable to cope with the real world because she has convinced them that they are unable to do so.

She almost meets her match in Randle McMurphy, a cocky, irreverant patient, a con man who would probably take on the world if given the chance. The sparring between McMurphy and Nurse Ratched is fascinating to watch, indeed the whole play is fascinating — a mental institution acting as a mirror of society; the rulers and the downtrodden, the bullies and those who dare to fight them. Who will win?

Ms. Tward does a fine job as director-designer. Her set is stark white. There is little furniture but it is functional, a small table here, a rocking-chair there, only one ashtray. The walls are smudged with dirt — it is clear that the comforts of the patients are not of the utmost importance.

The focal point of the set, the nurses' kiosk, is ablaze with flashing lights supposedly from the newest equipment. The glass windows looking out onto the room are spotless. It is obvious who is more important in the "society" of this institution.

Director Tward guides some fine performances out of her cast. Denny Nathan is like a quiet despot as Nurse Ratched. Every barb she delivers has an acid tip and all are spoken in the sweetest voice.

Howard Hurwitz as the timid, stuttering Billy Bibbit is quite fine. He has shown us the fighter in Billy, preventing the character from sinking into over-sentimentality. Sam Powell is a wonderful, fast-talking, swaggering, yet sensitive McMurphy.

The Arts Theatre Production Company did the play in 1975, when the group was called Beth Tikvah Drama Guild and the production was a success too. Now that the group has a permanent home they thought it would be a challenge to bring this success back and see how it worked in a bona fide theatre.

May one offer a humble suggestion? The next time the temptation to bring back a previous success arises, please, don't give in. How can the group grow, stretch and mature if it falls back on past hits.

The group opened the theatre with **Yentl** and brought it back a few months later. It had a success with **One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest** and again, brought it back.

Please, continue to gather laurels for your work, but don't be satisfied with sitting on them when you have a hit.

Analyst's book on Mideast is required reading for all

books

By ERIC FLANDERS

The Politics of Defeat
America's Decline in the Middle East
Joseph Churba
Cyrco Press

The front page of The Globe and Mail of Feb. 13 carried two headlines which in essence sum up all that the author of **The Politics of Defeat** is saying.

One story is headlined "U.S. Taking Sides in Mideast Talks, Israelis Complain", the other proclaims "Somalia Abandons hope for U.S. Help".

The latter story goes on to relate that the United States is not prepared to confront the Soviet initiative in the Horn of Africa.

Churba, a former special advisor to Air Force Intelligence at the Pentagon, and the air force's senior Middle East intelligence estimator, gives us a short (200 pages) but devastating account of the persistent failure of the United States to recognize the penetration of the Middle East by the Soviet Union, and its ultimate purpose — the political and military isolation of Western Europe and the United States.

Commencing with a careful analysis of Moscow's design for the region, he proceeds to document a history of incident after incident ranging over a period of 30 years, illustrating the myopia of U.S. policy vis-a-vis Israel, the only stable democracy in the area, and the only guardian of Western interests.

He is particularly acerbic in his treatment of the Kissinger-Nixon policy of detente with the Soviets, which he maintains was and still is responsible for U.S. actions.

Reciprocity from Russia has not been forthcoming, and each act of vacillation by America has been utilized by the Soviet Union and her Arab pawns.

Of great interest at this time, is Churba's assessment of the U.S. policy with regard to the creation of a Palestinian state and her preoccupation with pushing Israel back to her pre-1967 borders.

The book was written prior to Sadat's visit to Jerusalem, yet foretells the present Arab position with amazing accuracy.

He points out that the assumption by the world that the central issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict is the Palestinian problem is a major misconception.

The issue with regard to Palestine is not that of the Arab Palestinians, but rather that Palestine is a country in dispute with two nationalisms (Jewish and Arab), only one of which (Jewish) is prepared to compromise.

The sole Arab policy is to uproot Jewish nationalism from the region. The cessation of Arab calls for the annihilation of Israel is merely a ploy to obtain U.S. pressure on Israel to retreat to her pre-1967 frontiers.

The Arabs, says Churba, realize that it was Israel's territorial depth that saved the day for her in 1973 — had the battle been fought on the 1967 lines, Israel may well have found herself cut to pieces. The Arab plan for the solution of the Jewish question in the Middle East is simply to re-establish the conditions that would strategically reduce Israel to submission.

Unemotionally, with the dogged logic of a true political and military realist, Churba makes his case, and a strong one it is. His formula for future U.S. actions necessary to thwart the use of the Arabs to implement Russia's imperialist designs, makes Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's preoccupation with territory not a fanatic desire for a return to biblical grandeur, but a down-to-earth realization of the basic facts of life.

This book is required reading for all who wish to understand the drama currently being played on the stage of the Middle East.

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Leisure Pleasures

By VIVIENNE MUHLING 481–6434

THE INVESTIGATION opens Mar. 1 for 5 days only (previews Feb. 25/28). **Peter Weiss** created this moving documentary drama from actual Nuremberg trial transcripts. It's a 'must see' for CJN readers and their teenagers. Evngs. 8:30, Sunday Matinee 2:30. It's a **Factory Theatre Lab** Special Project, directed by **Ken Gass. 864–9971, 207 Adelaide Street East.**

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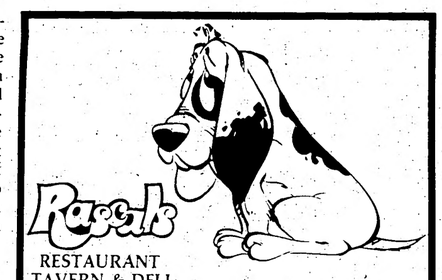
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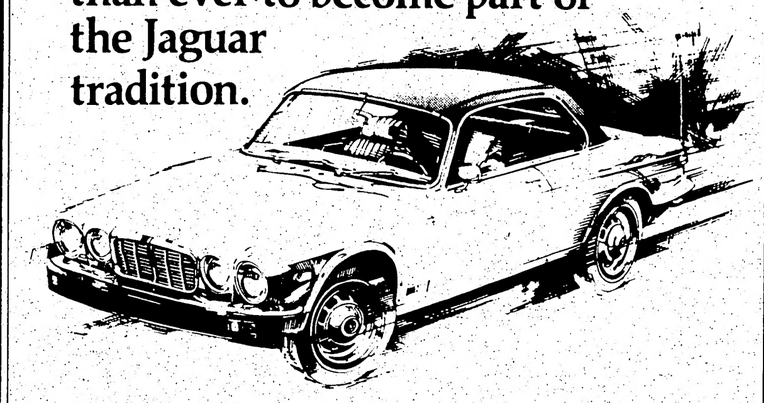
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Box office is sole source of revenue

Leah Posluns Theatre is in a financial dilemma

comment

By RICK KARDONNE

The Leah Posluns Theatre is currently in a financial dilemma according to its artistic director, Reva Tward, who responded to my Feb. 10 proposals for alterations in its rental policy.

While there is a certain subsidy from the Jewish Welfare Board for the 'Y' community centre, there is no money specifically designated for theatre programing. Neither is there any government grant money.

Thus, the Posluns Theatre's sole source of revenue is from the box office of the resident Art Theatre Productions and from outside rentals.

Private source money is beginning to arrive. While this is most exciting, Ms. Tward emphasizes that this is a mere beginning, and that it represents only a tiny percentage of what is required. In contrast, the New York 'Y', which she has visited on several occasions, is heavily funded from state as well as private and Jewish organizational sources.

She agreed in principle that if more money were available, my suggestions regarding the 'Y' rental policy could feasibly be implemented. Since the Posluns Theatre has, with these limited resources, done all it can to produce some outstanding cultural events within its excellent physical facilities, it certainly merits these necessary operating funds for theatre programing.

"The 'Y' community must realize that these funds are necessary for programing, and without these funds, theatre programing will die," she concluded.

Certainly, the Jewish Welfare Board, in the interest of our common cultural welfare, can do its share towards correcting this situation in the immediate short run.

In addition, she will also be applying to the various government grant agencies (Canada Council, Wintario, Ontario Council for the Arts, etc.) which, she believes, will eventually recognize the 'Y's unique position as a mixture of professional and nonprofessional elements.

In this way, given this operating budget, Ms. Tward envisions the stabilization, or even slight reduction in ticket prices.

The ultimate goal, is

Reva Tward

that the 'Y' cultural facilities become more accessible to the grassroots community, both through means of the altered rental policy and through lowered ticket prices (especially for children).

MARRIAGE SERVICE: **Kol Sason,** an original musical marriage service by Michael Isaacson, was performed at Holy Blossom recently. What was most interesting about the composition was its overall musical mood: a fusion of Elizabethan English and Sephardi styles.

The orchestration, consisting of the lyrical viola of Nancy Mathias and the gaily spirited flute of Virginia Markson, backed up by Douglas Bodle on harpsichord and Milton Barnes on drum and triangle, established a joyous feeling tempered by a reflective tinge.

The most distinctive moments were Cantor Sheldon F. Merel's liturgical recitatives which, intelligently juxtaposed against this orchestration, provided this Mediterranean-Sephardi feeling.

The central theme, although spirited, was melodically too constrained by the minor-key harmonic progression in order to sustain any unique lasting interest.

Considerably more melodically memorable was Ben Steinberg's **V'Erastich Li** which was sung by Cantor Merel earlier in the Oneg Shabbat service: a slow, lyrical, romantic theme of considerable majesty.

Two works elucidate rich mystical tradition evident in Kabbala

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

Kabbalah
by Perle Epstein
Doubleday of Can. $7.95

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Kabbala is the Jewish approach to esoteric wisdom. The Hebrew term, which dates from about the 11th century, means tradition. It implies that there is a secret of mystical doctrine that flows from the wisdom of many minds through the centuries. Some followers of the Kabbala believe that it is divine or semi-divine in origin.

Kabbala concerns itself with creation of the universe (Maash Bereshith), with the visions of the prophet Ezekiel and his description of the Divine Chariot (Maasch Merkabah), the mysteries to be found in scripture, how the combination of certain Hebrew letters and numbers reveal truth, the conquest of evil and how one can find God and cleave to Him.

In 13th century Spain, the Zohar, or Book of Splendor, came to light. Written in Aramic, this work was a mystical commentary on the Five Books of Moses. It was replete with exotic speculations about the origin of the universe, the nature of the Godhead, fanciful allegories and the hidden sense and meaning of every biblical event and commandment.

Evidently, behind the obvious words of the Bible were occult truths and age-old secrets that were available only to the initiated.

Devotees have maintained that the Zohar was written in the second century BCE by a Talmudic sage. Most modern scholars point to a Spanish mystic of the 13th century, Moses de Leon, as its author or editor.

It seems likely that the complex and many-sided Zohar was of medieval origin, but incorporated elements derived from centuries before. In any case, the Zohar gathered up the diverse patterns of the mystical tradition and wove them into a work that is more like a library than a single book.

With the tragedy of the Jewish expulsion from Spain in the late 15th century, it was understandable that Jewish minds should turn to thoughts of the Redemption and the coming of the long-promised Messiah.

Safed, in the Upper Galilee, where Simeon ben Jochai, the purported author of the Zohar had lived and died, became a centre for mystical learning and speculation. A century after the expulsion it supported 21 synagogues and 18 Talmudic academies.

An ascetic and learned visionary named Isaac Luria (1534-1572), with the help of his faithful disciple Hayim Vital, gave Kabbala a new direction with his original concepts of worship, contemplation, study and observance.

In the 18th and 19th centuries the Chassidic movement, with its emphasis on saintly leaders, search for ecstatic piety and joy in the universe added a modern dimension to the mystical outlook.

Perle Epstein, a student of religion, who traces her ancestry back to the Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Chassidism, has written a brief but surprisingly lucid and helpful book on a complex and difficult subject. She has chosen to trace the mystical tradition through the lives and practices of scholars, saints and rebels.

The information is authentic, the writing lively, and the material carefully selected with a genuine enthusiasm and feeling for the entire subject. There is a glossary and bibliography, but no index.

Lawrence Kushner is a rabbi and delver for meaning in the mystical tradition. His beautifully designed book contains 93 brief spiritual encounters in the form of autobiographical tales, legends, meditations, commentaries on biblical verses and kindred material. Almost every encounter involves a bit of Hebrew and many of them are presented in poetic form.

This is a highly personal and deeply felt approach. Some of the material seemed to me to be moving and wise, some of it hackneyed and uninspired. This is a splendid volume for meditation. Each reader must bring meaning to it out of his own knowledge and experience.

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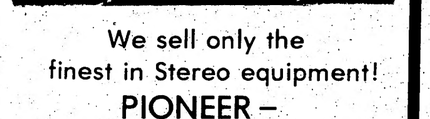
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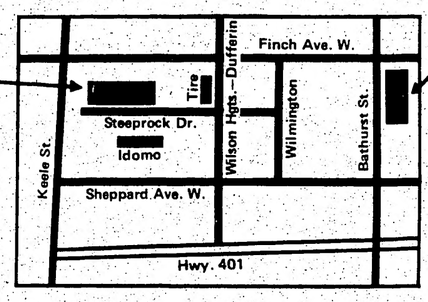

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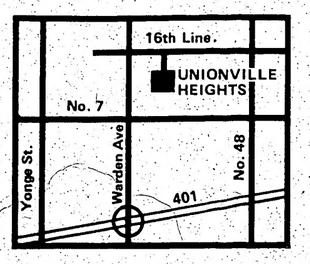

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The Pool of the Sultan, just outside the walls of Jerusalem's Old City, is where animals are bought and sold on Fridays. Modern church of St. Andrew, reflecting the Christian dimension of Jerusalem, lies on the hillock in the immediate distance.

Celebrate with Israel

Visitors to Israel this year will be able to enjoy some of the many major events being staged to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Jewish state, as Israeli writer Philip Gillon outlines.

JERUSALEM (JCNS) —

A few days ago the president of Israel, Prof. Ephraim Katzir, gave an official reception for tourists at his Jerusalem home to inaugurate their participation in the year-long celebration of Israel attaining the ripe old age of 30. For Israeli citizens, the president raised the joyful cup a little earlier proclaiming that the festivities should begin.

Long-established countries like Britain and the U.S. celebrate centenaries or jubilees; for a young country like Israel, involved in war after war, every milestone is a good excuse for a party. Thus Israel celebrated her 10th anniversary in 1958; her 13th, the Bar Mitzva year; her 18th, because in Hebrew one uses letters to write numbers and the letters for the number 18 also spell out the Hebrew word, "life"; her 20th, because two decades are twice as memorable as one; her 25th, the semi-jubilee, and now her 30th.

Of course, if peace should break out at last as a result of the current negotiations there will indeed be reason to make merry throughout the year. In that case tourists who come to Israel this year will be able to tell their children's children that they were in Israel when the wars ended.

Several major events have been planned during the months ahead. On March 20, Eilat will commemorate its liberation, although in reality there was not much there to liberate in 1948. What is really being celebrated is the raising of the flag at Israel's Red Sea window. There will be sea sports, a display by the navy, merry-making on the beaches, with performances on open-air stages.

The Eilatis will still be at it when Purim comes on March 23, when the fun will move out to Coral Island. But by then the big cities will start firing their guns: the Jerusalem Theatre is organizing a **Purimspiel** and all hotels in Israel have been urged to arrange fancy dress balls.

During Passover, tourists should get to the top of Masada — the hardy on foot, others by cable-car — for a festival of lights. Those who are too lazy even to go up in the cable-car can stay in Jerusalem and enjoy a spring festival in the theatre.

Music lovers should travel up to Tiberias for the Ein Gev Festival, always good, but this year particularly so, with an operatic company from Holland as one of the highlights. On April 25, tourists will be the guests of honor of the Speaker of the Knesset Yitzhak Shamir, in Parliament.

Independence Day — May 11 — will not be marred by a massive military parade; instead the emphasis will be on civilian enjoyment. There will be dancing in the streets and parks on the night before, after the dignified inauguration of the day on Mount Herzl.

A special show, emphasizing jollity, will be staged at the Jerusalem Theatre. The day will also mark the beginning of Museums Year, with every museum putting out its best exhibits, and publishing special brochures. Two weeks later, there will be singing round the camp-fires of Lag b'Omer.

On June 11 and 12, kibbutzim will welcome spring at Shavuot, the festival of the first fruits. Kibbutzim Gan Shmuel and Ramat Yochanon will welcome tourists.

During the summer months of July and August, Jerusalem will stage performances of a show, **Jerusalem Through the Generations for 4,000 Years.** Isaac Stern will participate in special festive concerts of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Israel Festival will close the summer celebrations. Throughout the year, fairs and exhibitions should add diversity to the events.

One way or another the 30th year promises to be one of the happiest in Israel's history.

ABC flights to Yugoslavia

TORONTO —

Intervac's Britain & Europe, a brochure listing holidays by Wardair Advance Booking Charter (ABC) flights to Britain and Europe for the 1978 season, is now available from travel agents.

The brochure was distributed to agents earlier than other years because people are making their summer travel plans earlier every year.

New for Toronto-area residents in 1978 is the introduction of ABC flights to Yugoslavia; plus an extra flight to London each week.

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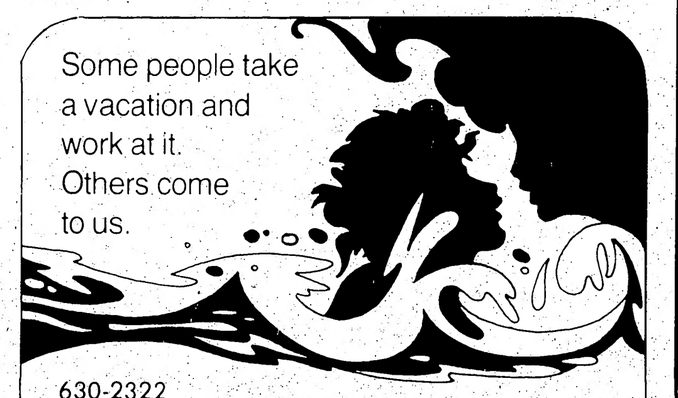

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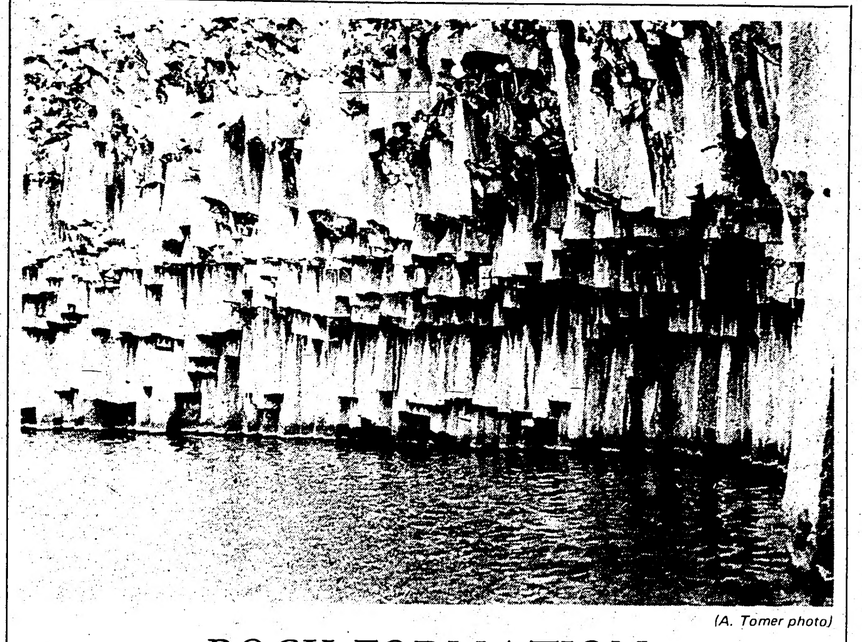

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Like a sculptor, the winds and rains of tens of thousands of years eroded this rock formation hanging over quiet pool somewhere on Golan Heights. The pool is a popular tourist destination.

21-day charter flights to Europe slash Israel's domestic air rates

TEL AVIV [JCNS] —

Israel is undergoing a revolution in the cost of air travel and the government is abolishing the last vestiges of a system where Israelis have been compelled to pay far more for travel abroad than visitors to its own shores.

The latest dramatic step in the lowering of prices is a decision to permit charter flights to Europe for Israelis. The revolution started with the abolition of the travel tax at the end of October.

It was followed by a recent Transport Ministry decision to force air fares for Israelis down, in line with the fares of people travelling to Israel. The latest ruling means that a round-trip to London on a charter flight should cost just over $240 which is 43% lower than the cheapest fare currently available.

The charter flights will be restricted to a 21-day stay abroad. They will be permitted to all parts of Europe, but not yet to the U.S. or other destinations. The charters will be available as part of a package tour, or by advance booking, probably two months ahead of departure.

The reason the charters will start in November, and not earlier is to enable El Al to gear up to capture a major portion of this new market.

The cheapest way to fly out of Israel today is the group flight. And these fares are coming down by 20% from April. The return group fare to London today costs $410 plus $100 for "land costs" to preserve the fiction that it is a package holiday fare. This is more than the group flight fare out of London, and the Ministry of Transport has ordered fares to be equalized in both directions.

April will also see the introduction of a fare previously unavailable to Israelis. This is the public excursion fare, which is 30% cheaper than the regular excursion fare. Until now this fare has been available to passengers coming to Israel.

These two rulings by the Ministry of Transport have ended years of discrimination, based on two economic justifications both of which have proved non-valid economically.

First was the inability of a market as small as Israel to support such low fares.

But second, it stemmed from the desire of previous governments to restrict the travel of Israelis abroad and prevent the outflow of foreign currency which travel entails.

The facts proved to be quite different. Armies of civil servants and their families were always able to take trips abroad under the pretence of public duty. The rest of the Israelis resorted to the black market to assure themselves of the foreign currency needed for travel.

The numbers of Israelis going abroad each year were always on the increase until last year when they were in excess of 250,000. The upward spiral of fares did not deter Israeli travellers, whose reaction was usually to press the government for further salary increases resulting in inflation. The new policy is expected to be more in agreement with reality.

Israeli traffic increases 22%

TORONTO —

Of 1,006,534 tourists who visited Israel last year, 36,074 were Canadians, says Asher Rahav, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada.

"Traffic from Canada increased 22% and we expect a continuation of this trend in 1978," Rahav said, "especially in view of our 30th anniversary celebrations in 1978, as well as the prospects for peace in the Middle East."

Over 35% of Canadian tourists to Israel were non-Jewish, from almost all provinces of Canada.

"We plan to extend our promotion of Israel in 1978," he explained, "reaching almost all major cities across the country. During 1977 the Israel Government Tourist Office held 23 study seminars for the travel trade with over 750 participants. Also four familiarization tours for travel agents took place in co-operation with El Al Israel Airlines, CP hotels and others and, 78 agents from all parts of Canada participated.

"This is a major move, and confirms our faith in the massive interest in Israel as a tourist destination, for both Jewish and Christian pilgrimages, and also for resort vacations."

El Al scheduled to renew flights to sunny island of Cyprus

By DANIEL SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —

After a lapse of almost four years, El Al is to renew its scheduled flights to nearby Cyprus, effective mid-March. Cyprus as a holiday vacation destination is seen as becoming, once again, a welcome alternative for the Israeli, who, for several years, has made Eilat and the Red Sea his summer holiday camp.

The natural and artistic beauty of Cyprus dates back many thousands of years. Predominantly Greek, Cyprus has a quality of its own but derived from many other peoples.

Just 140 miles in length and 60 miles wide, the island offers high, snow-capped mountains, fertile plains and excellent beaches, and perhaps most important, excellent service — with a smile.

The Greek Cypriots, the hoteliers, have initiated a major tourism development program mainly centred on the construction of badly needed hotels.

Cyprus is the sort of holiday spot that somehow does not require much in the way of special entertainment — the natural environment is sufficient.

The Greek Cypriots pride themselves on their excellent and inexpensive foods, and offer the best of Greek, English, French, Arab, Chinese dishes, and with them all, the fine wines and brandies for which Cyprus is famous. Also, most of the Greek Cypriots know English very well, resulting from long-time residence of British military.

One of the best ways to see the island and numerous delightful resorts is by car. All the international car hire firms, as well as the well-known Louis local agency, ply their business. In addition, there are numerous organized coach tours.

In Limassol, one of the main ports, widely evident is the mixture of Roman, Byzantine, Frankish, Arab and Crusader influences spread over more than 7,000 years. Limassol is also the centre for fun-making annual carnivals and other festivals, as well as its renowned wines.

Not far from Limassol, lie the Troodos mountains which rise to almost 6,000 feet. In the December-March season, Troodos is a winter sports centre and throughout the rest of the year, a delightful retreat for camping.

Paphos, to the west, is the ancient centre of worship to Aphrodite, the classical Greek goddess of love and beauty — the entire area here is noted for its beauty and the many ancient mosaics.

Nicosia, still divided, is a bustling township of some 100,000 persons. It offers numerous tourism sites and its excellent shops are readying themselves for the bargain-seeking Israelis.

The island of Cyprus also means something special for the many thousands of Jews who were held in British camps there before finally getting to Israel after escaping the Holocaust.

Presently available in Greek Cyprus, are some 130 hotels ranging from fourth-class to comfortable, luxury-class including a Hilton and the two, 5-star Ledra in Nicosia and the Apollonia Beach, in Limassol.

For visitors to Israel now averaging 17 days stay, those who come annually will doubtless find several days in Cyprus a most welcome and delightful respite. The summer weather is similar to that of Israel, with the locals boasting of no less than 330 days of sunshine a year.

Lanarca, the international airport, is served by 17 world airlines, including Cyprus Airways, with four flights weekly at present to Israel. Lanarca is also well known as a health centre and has a fine beach and yachting basin.

Malaysia island boasts shul for 10 Jews left

By WARREN FREEDMAN

PENANG, Malaysia —

One of the 13 states of Malaysia is the island of Pilau Pinang or Penang, and here in its capital city of Georgetown reside 10 Jews.

One male Jew is married to a Chinese woman who has converted, and another male Jew is married to a Malaysian woman who always wears a Magen David about her neck.

Before World War II, when Penang was a British colony, there were more than 200 Jews. Today, the first Jewish family of Penang consists of Abram Jacob, his wife, his mother, his brother and his children — all being Orthodox and Sephardic.

Inside the Jacob home at 28 Nagore Rd. is a small synagogue. Isaac Jacob, Abram's brother, is its caretaker. Attendees include Jewish teachers at the local university, the local manager of an American electronics factory, and Jewish visitors from neighboring Singapore.

Incidentally, Malaysian law requires that churchs, mosques and synagogues be opened to the public, so that one door of the Jacob residence is always left open.

The synagogue proudly possesses five Torahs, three of which are housed in elaborate silver casings. (The Japanese had looted the synagogue during World War II. Penang had been used as a Nazi submarine base, and Penang Jews had to wear armbands as enemy aliens.)

On a street called Jalan Yahudi, or Jews' Road, in Georgetown is a Jewish cemetery established in 1835. An Indian family living in the cemetery is the caretaker.

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Secular influences doomed ultra-Orthodox sisters

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

Chana and Esther Horowitz tried to live in two worlds at the same time, but they failed.

As a result both sisters — one 19 and the other 23 — are dead.

They committed suicide in the ultra-Orthodox Zanz Quarter of Jerusalem, where they had lived in a cramped apartment with other members of their large family.

Chana and Esther were residents of that quarter all their lives, and for many years unquestionably accepted its standards. These were first imparted to them in a systematic manner at the local Beit Ya'acov girls' school, which has one clear goal, to ensure that its graduates become good wives and mothers. Broad intellectual pursuits and training for a career outside the home are frowned upon.

While at school the sisters behaved in accordance with neighborhood norms. They dressed modestly (full-length sleeves and mid-calf-length dresses), never viewed television or went to the movies, and read only "approved" literature.

But somehow outside influences penetrated into their hermetically-sealed world. Chana and Esther began to borrow a wide range of love stories, mysteries and other "unsuitable books" from a public library in another section of Jerusalem and then, more boldly, they openly went to watch television in the home of a neighbor who was rather less Orthodox than the other residents of the Zanz Quarter and had dared to purchase a set.

Tongues began to wag, but real trouble only developed when Chana, the younger sister, joined the army. This was rebellion of the most extreme sort and a terrible sin.

For in the eyes of the ultra-Orthodox, girls who mix freely with boys, as they do in the army, are little better than prostitutes.

Since the government is very conscious of this attitude and also anxious to avoid conflicts with the ultra-Orthodox, it allows girls from such religious neighborhoods to opt out of army service. Chana, however, did not opt out.

The next logical step would have been for her and her sister Esther to move away, but they could not bring themselves to leave, nor could they bear to stay. So they "solved" their problem with a pistol, one which Chana took home (illegally) from the base at which she was serving.

It would, of course, be wrong to draw any conclusions about the mental health of the ultra-Orthodox from this unusual incident, but it does throw light on the tensions they face in trying to maintain their distinctive life style in a predominantly secular country.

Insofar as possible, the very religious try to deal with these tensions, as well as more general psychological problems, within the bounds of their own communities, often with the assistance of their rabbis. And since these rabbis are accepted authorities, it can indeed help a congregant to feel better if, in response to his rabbi's "diagnosis", he says the Shma Yisrael prayer every night before going to sleep, or replaces the mezzuza (containing a roll of parchment with passages from Deut. VI and XI) on his front doorpost.

This is not to say that the ultra-Orthodox don't believe in medicines and doctors; they do. And if rabbis and prayers don't work, they turn to psychologists and tranquilizers.

Unfortunately, there is no indication that the Horowitz sisters sought help from either rabbis or psychologists. If they had, they might still be alive.

For there are dozens upon dozens of cases on record where would-be suicides were dissuaded from taking their lives by psychologists in government health stations or by the voluntary counsellors who man telephones in the suicide-prevention centres that operate 24 hours a day in every major Israeli city.

And whatever the reason, Israel's annual suicide rate is very low indeed: 6.7 per 100,000 people as compared to 12.2 in Canada, 24.7 in Denmark and 36.9 in Hungary.

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By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — The South African Jewish community should continue to observe its silence on the question of apartheid in that racially troubled country, says the editor of the Johannesburg-based Jewish Herald.

Harry Hurwitz said he agreed with the "non-political attitude" adopted by the South African Jewish Board of Deputies toward Pretoria's policy of racial separation. He explained that the umbrella group could not voice an opinion on apartheid because South African Jewry was so divided on the issue.

In an interview, Hurwitz said that most Jews in his country opposed the universally condemned racial ideology. However, he added, the Jewish Board of Deputies has not been given a mandate to criticize the government.

Hurwitz disclosed that the Jewish Herald, the official organ of Revisionist Zionism in South Africa, has refrained from taking a stand on apartheid because "we're mainly interested in Israel and the Jewish community, not in local politics."

He stressed that Jews, as individuals, were free to express their views, and characterized as correct the unwillingness of the Jewish Board of Deputies to become actively involved in the nationwide debate over apartheid.

Hurwitz implied that it would be foolish, if not dangerous, for the community to express opposition to apartheid when other white ethnic minorities were observing silence as well.

Asked for his assessment of apartheid, the 53-year-old journalist said he found many of its features unacceptable. Hurwitz noted that the Vorster regime seeks to eliminate blatant forms of apartheid, and emphasized that there is much uninformed opinion about the racial creed.

Here on a private visit, Hurwitz said he was personally against the one-man-one-vote concept. "Africans are not equipped or ready to govern a country," he said. "The future of South Africa depends on gradual change, which the present government is introducing."

He played down the possibility of blacks achieving black majority rule in South Africa, but warned that most Jews would probably leave if that were to happen.

Hurwitz said black majority rule was not a viable proposition, at least for the present. "We've seen the effect of the transition from white influenced governments to sudden black rule," he said, citing Kenya, Mozambique and the Congo as examples.

"You have to be an African to understand that," he said, referring to himself in this vein.

Anti-Semitism is not an issue in South Africa, Hurwitz said, explaining that some 25 years have elapsed without a major anti-Semitic incident. He said that in this regard the community has no cause for complaint against the ruling National government.

Hurwitz admitted that recent racial outbreaks have triggered fear in the community, but he denied press claims that its future is uncertain. As a result of Rhodesian and Israeli immigrants, the community now numbers 135,000 compared to about 110,000 five years ago.

Speaking of emigration to Israel, Hurwitz said the community contributes between 600 and 800 Jews a year to the Jewish state, the highest rate in the West.

He said the community was very Israel-oriented, with South African Jewry giving more money per capita to the United Israel Appeal than any other community in the Diaspora. Forty per cent of the children are enrolled in afternoon Jewish schools and a high percentage of youth belong to Zionist organizations.

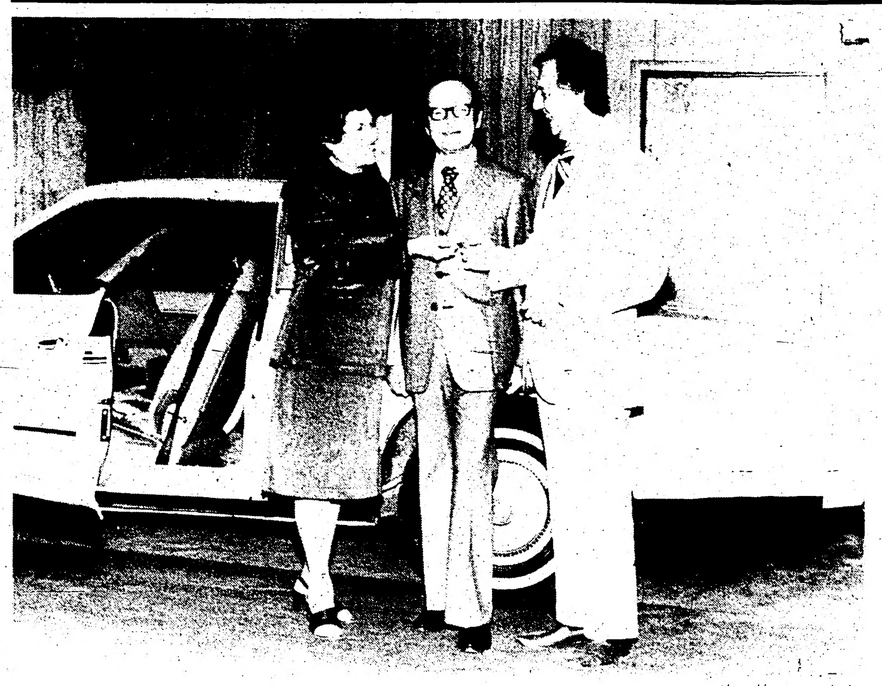
Hurwitz said he is glad that Israeli-South African ties are improving, noting that it was in the interest of both countries to expand relations.

He produced a book he has just written on Menachem Begin, purportedly the first biography of the Israeli prime minister. Hurwitz said he has known the premier for the last 31 years and fully expects him to sign a peace treaty with the Arabs.

(It has been learned that Hurwitz has been offered the job of Begin's information aide, a position made vacant when Shmuel Katz, a former South African, quit. Hurwitz told The Jerusalem Post that he is planning to immigrate to Israel in any event.)

Harry Hurwitz of The Jewish Herald

Organizations and People



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Sandra and David Anisman present Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Bonds Chairman Jim Graff [right] with key to the car they donated to the Monte Carlo dinner on Feb. 28 at the synagogue. This is the third year the Anismans have given the Monte Carlo dinner automobile, according to the Israel Bonds organizers.

Getting an early start on Israel's 30th birthday celebrations, Chmielnicker sisterhood purchased $3,000 in Bonds, representing $100 for each year of Israel's independence. From left: Sally Lukwitz, sisterhood executive; Blanche Wolbrom, treasurer; Fay Goldlist, president, and Bernie Gottlieb, a Bonds representative.

Synagogue purchases its third Israeli Bond

TORONTO —

"I think we're just going to have to make it an annual event," Jim Graff, Israel Bond chairman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda says happily. He was speaking of the synagogue's recent arrangement to purchase a $1 million institutional Bond, its third in as many years.

"This is the first synagogue in Toronto to have purchased these $1 million Bonds for three years in succession, and though it requires a lot of effort on everyone's part to organize the purchase I can honestly say that this is a synagogue that puts its money where its heart is, in Israel's economic security," Graff points out.

A cheque in the amount of $1 million will be presented to Ze'er Sher, Israel's director-general of the state comptroller's office and the guest of honor at the annual Monte Carlo dinner to be held Feb. 28 at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

At the dinner, two men of long and faithful service will be honored by Israel Bonds with one of its most coveted awards, the David Ben-Gurion plaque for devoted leadership.

David Anisman, who has donated a car each of the past three years as part of the fund-raising efforts for the institutional bonds and Graff will be co-honorees.

Anisman's business is leasing cars but he'd rather drive home the point that Bonds are solid investments in Israel's economic future and security.

President of Cadillac Livery Ltd., he is also chairman of the board of Metro Cab Ltd. and a member of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto. But his most satisfying accomplishment, he feels, was the year that he served as president of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue while his wife Sandra, was president of the sisterhood.

As co-honoree with Anisman, Graff has been long involved in making the Bond program an established and important part of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda. He is serving his third term as Bond chairman.

BB lodge bus-tles with activity

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

"Hop on the bus" may be the slogan B'nai B'rith Hamilton Lodge will adopt as its top priority fund-raising project for 1978: the purchase of a 15-passenger bus for the Jewish Community Centre.

A bus has become a necessity for the financially dependent JCC and when approached for help, Hamilton Lodge agreed to come to the rescue.

A shortage of volunteer drivers has resulted in large sums being spent on taxicab fares to transport seniors to and from the JCC for their programs or to work in the sheltered workshop.

The JCC nursery school, which moves to Dundas next fall, will use the bus to pick up and take home children. It is needed for various teen and tweener programs and in the summer it will be used for Camp Kadimah. The JCC will provide a driver and look after maintenance of the vehicle.

"It's a very large project for us," says Hamilton Lodge President Steve Dembe, "and we need help from the whole community."

So far, says Dembe, the project is getting very good support and there are indications that some non-Jewish organizations in the city are willing to assist.

"We hope to raise enough money to buy the bus outright," he says. The lodge's major fund-raising event will be a Monte Carlo Night on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hamilton Place Studio Theatre. There will be games of chance, including Black Jack, a continuous buffet, complimentary bar.

Major prizes offered are a week in Aruba for two, a one-week Caribbean fly/cruise for two and a four-day trip to Las Vegas. Tickets at $25 per person, can be obtained by phoning Phil Leon at 525-0001.

The 172 members of Hamilton Lodge played host recently to the 35th annual B'nai B'rith District 22 bowling convention, the first time the event took place outside Toronto or Montreal.

"It was fantastically successful," reports Dembe of the largest-ever convention, which brought guests from all over Ontario, Quebec and centres in the U.S. Convention chairman was Manny Fine.

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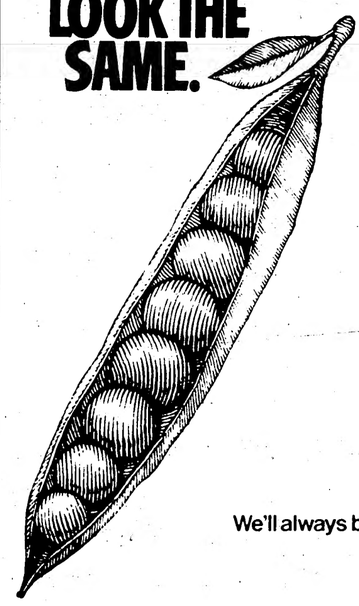

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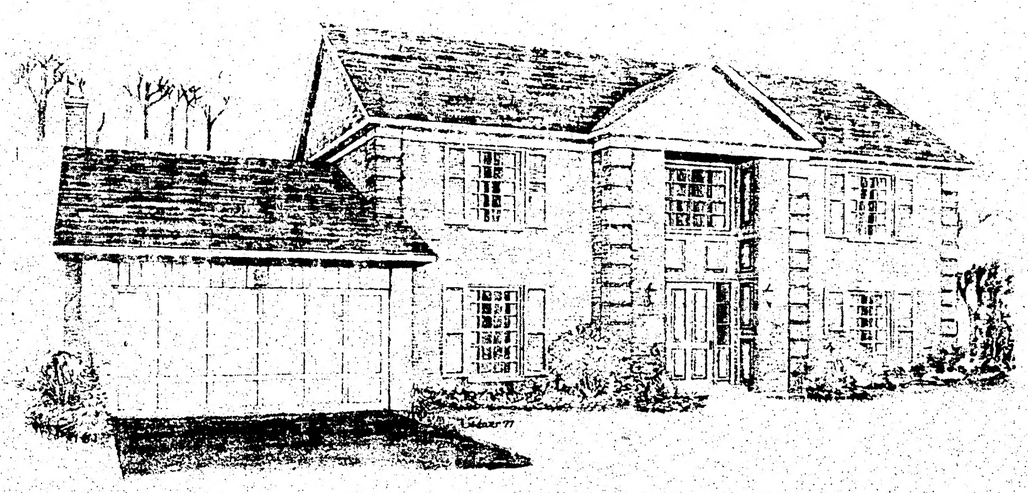

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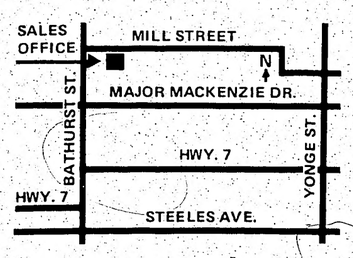

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